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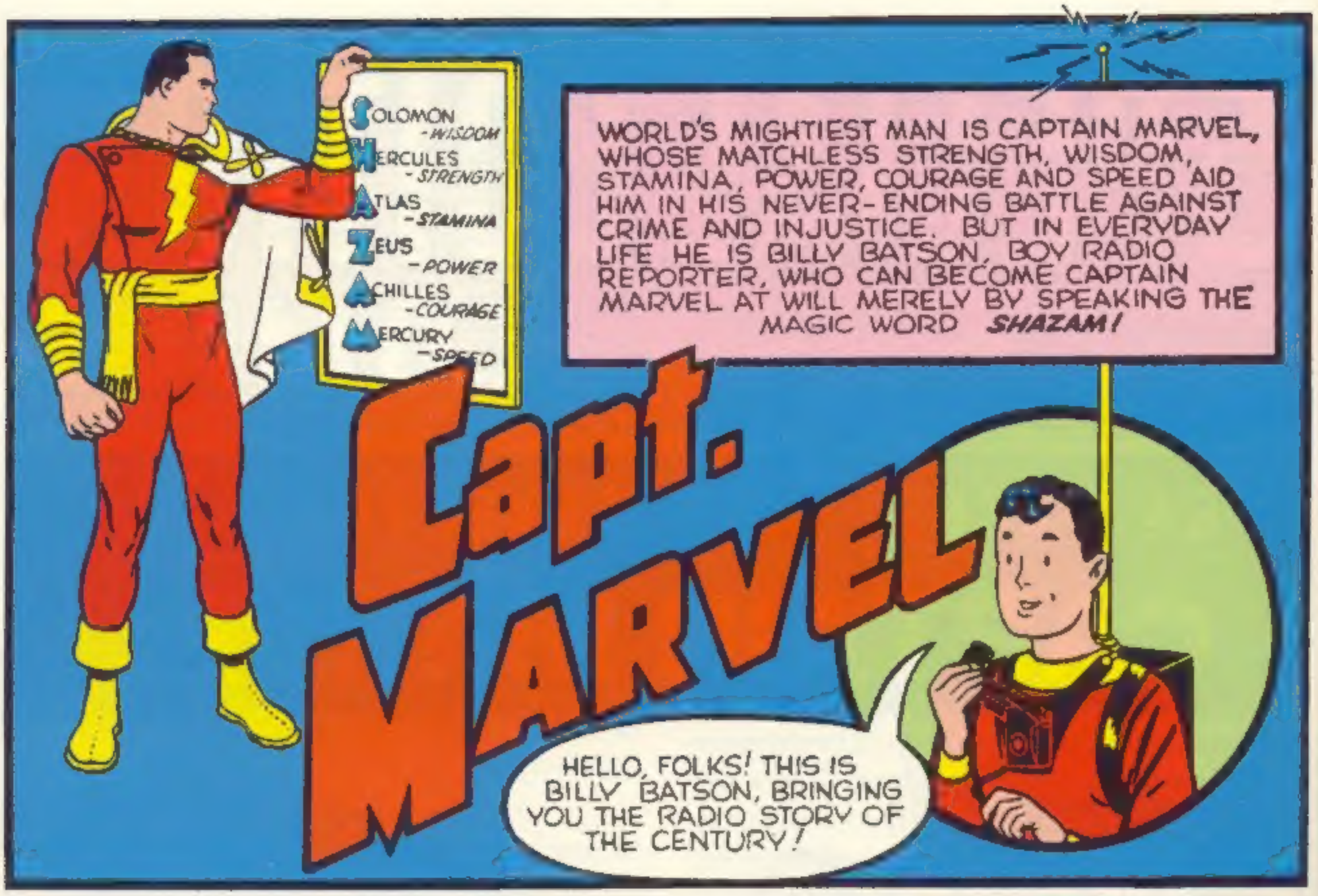
CAPTAIN MARVEL
World's Mightiest Man


SOLOMON -WISDOM
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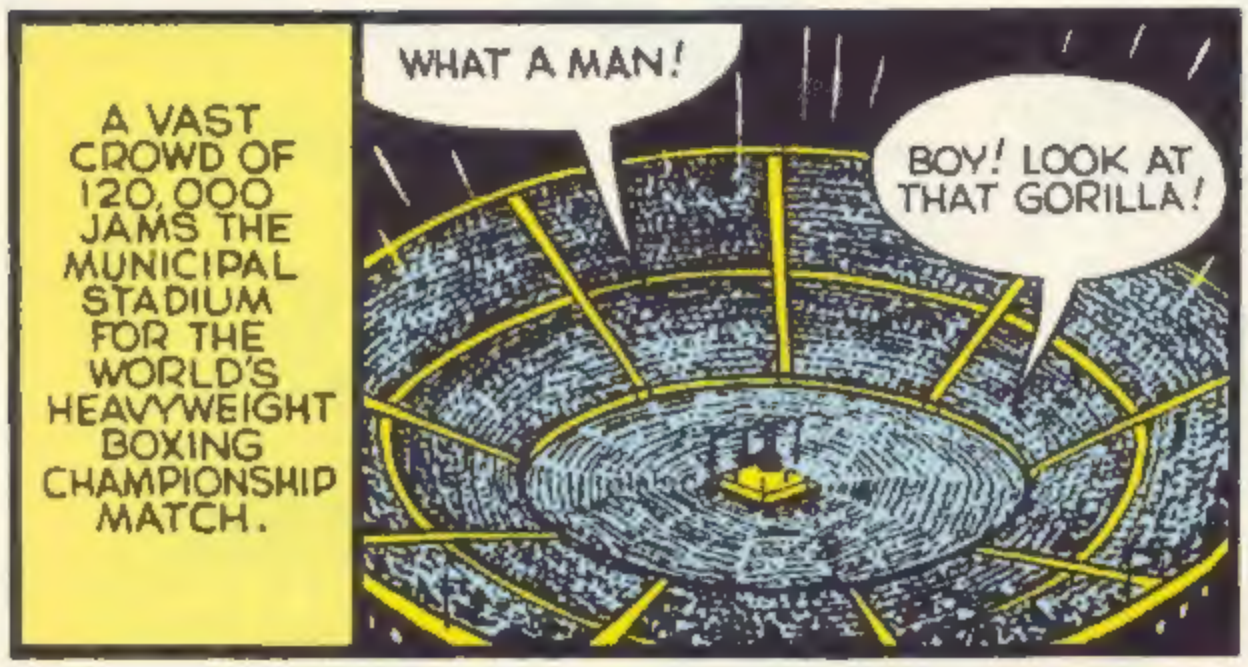
WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN IS CAPTAIN MARVEL, WHOSE MATCHLESS STRENGTH, WISDOM, STAMINA, POWER, COURAGE AND SPEED AID HIM IN HIS NEVER-ENDING BATTLE AGAINST CRIME AND INJUSTICE. BUT IN EVERYDAY LIFE HE IS BILLY BATSON, BOY RADIO REPORTER, WHO CAN BECOME CAPTAIN MARVEL AT WILL MERELY BY SPEAKING THE MAGIC WORD SHAZAM!
Capt. MARVEL
HELLO, FOLKS! THIS IS BILLY BATSON, BRINGING YOU THE RADIO STORY OF THE CENTURY!


A VAST CROWD OF 120,000 JAMS THE MUNICIPAL STADIUM FOR THE WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.
WHAT A MAN!
BOY! LOOK AT THAT GORILLA!

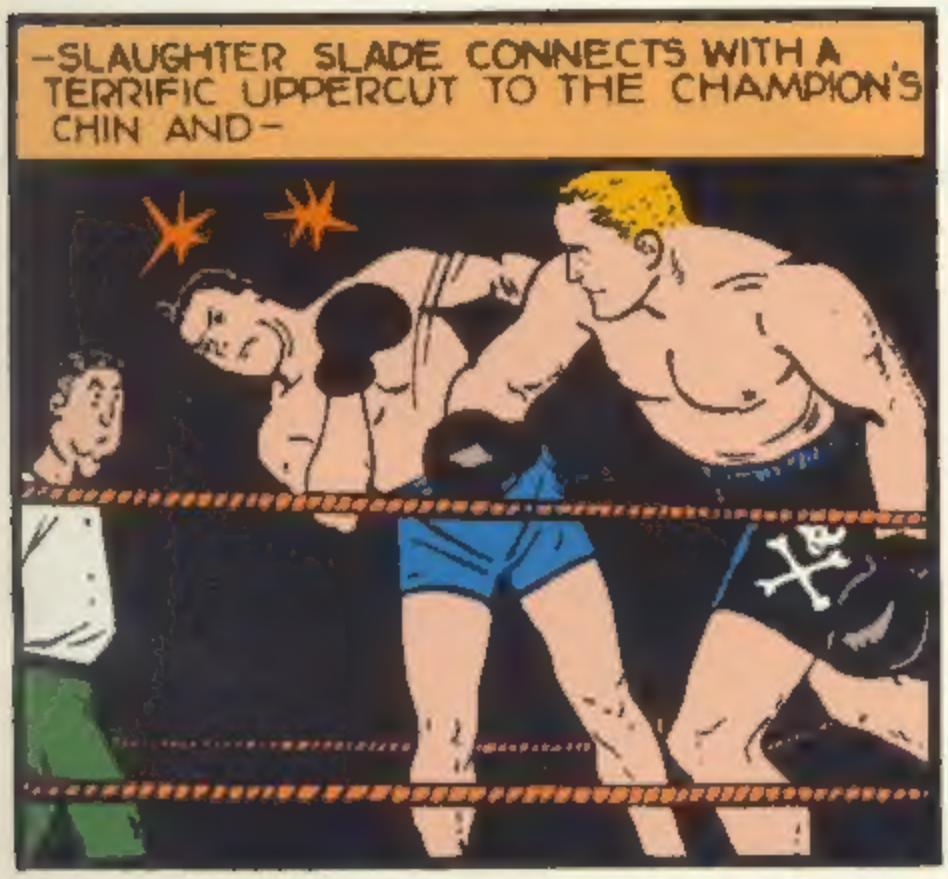
EVERY CELEBRITY YOU EVER HEARD OF IS HERE TONIGHT, FOLKS! THERE'S -
AS BILLY BATSON, CRACK RADIO REPORTER, PREPARES TO BROADCAST THE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY —

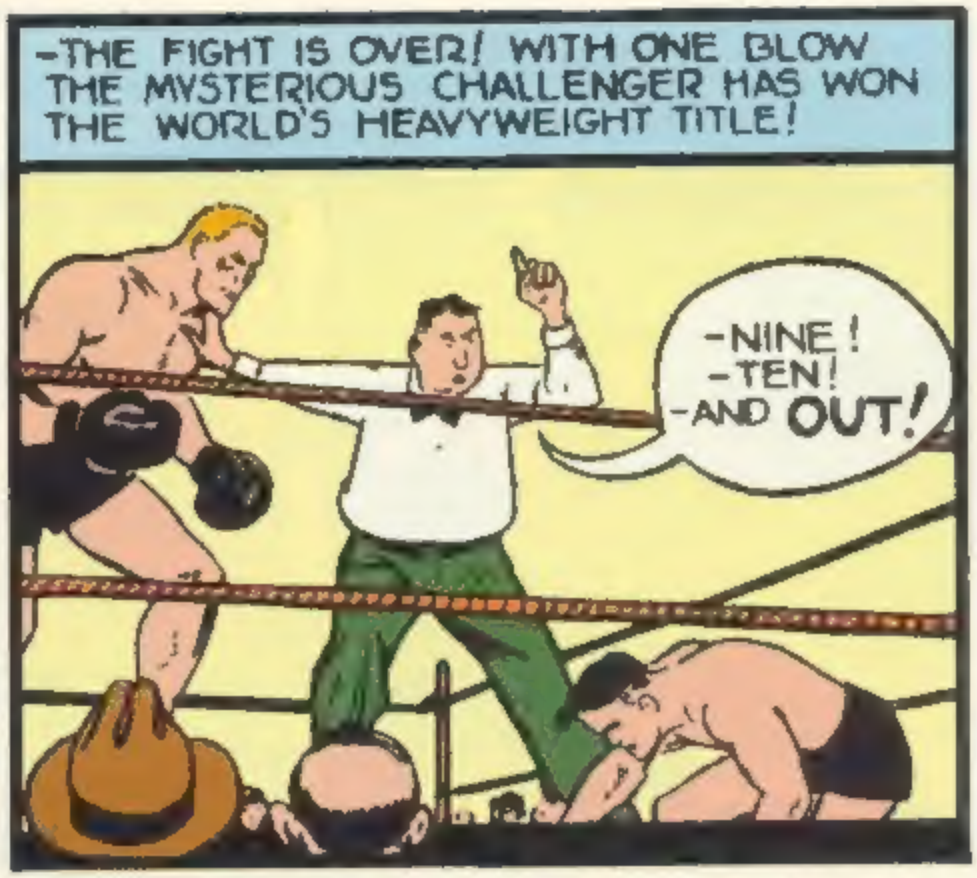
GO GET HIM, CHAMP!
WE'RE PULLIN' FOR YOU, KID!
KNOCK HIS BLOCK OFF, CHAMP!
-THE CHAMPION SMILINGLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE CROWD'S CHEERS WHILE -

SLAUGHTER SLADE
-THE CHALLENGER, A GIGANTIC, UNKNOWN FIGHTER WHO CALLS HIMSELF SLAUGHTER SLADE, MAINTAINS A CONTEMPTUOUS SILENCE.

FIGHT FAIR. BREAK CLEAN. COME OUT FIGHTING. AND MAY THE BEST MAN WIN!
THE REFEREE GIVES THE MEN FINAL INSTRUCTIONS.

THERE'S THE BELL, FOLKS! SLAUGHTER SLADE IS RUSHING FOR THE CHAMPION. HE'S —
THE MOMENT THE FIGHT STARTS —


—SLAUGHTER SLADE CONNECTS WITH A TERRIFIC UPPERCUT TO THE CHAMPION'S CHIN AND—


—THE FIGHT IS OVER! WITH ONE BLOW THE MYSTERIOUS CHALLENGER HAS WON THE WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE!
—NINE! —TEN! —AND OUT!

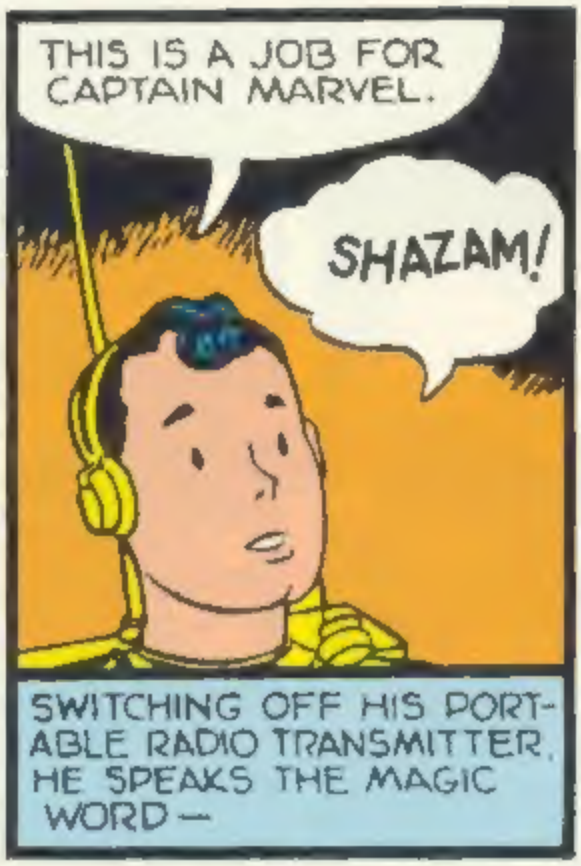
I'M GOING TO TRY TO GET THE NEW CHAMP TO SAY A FEW WORDS FROM HIS DRESSING ROOM, FOLKS.
TO DRESSING ROOMS
SLAUGHTER SLADE HAS LEFT THE RING WITHOUT WAITING TO BE ACCLAIMED CHAMPION.

PRIVATE KEEP OUT
G'WAN, KID — BEAT IT! THE CHAMP AIN'T SEEIN' NOBODY.
BUT I ONLY WANT—
THE NEW CHAMPION'S SECOND SLAMS THE DRESSING ROOM DOOR IN BILLY'S FACE.

I'LL TRY THE OUTSIDE DOOR, FOLKS. HANG ON!
SPRINTING FOR THE STREET-

YAH, ANOTHER FRESH BRAT, HUH? SCRAM, YA LITTLE PUNK!
-BILLY ARRIVES A MOMENT TOO LATE.

DON'T WORRY, BUD. I'LL PAY BACK THAT PUSH FOR YOU - WITH COMPOUND INTEREST!


THIS IS A JOB FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL.
SHAZAM!
SWITCHING OFF HIS PORTABLE RADIO TRANSMITTER, HE SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD -

BLAAAM
-THUNDER ROLLS, LIGHTNING FLASHES AND -

- BILLY BATSON BECOMES CAPTAIN MARVEL, WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN.
THEY'VE GOT QUITE A HEAD START BUT-

- MADE IT! AND NOW - SHAZAM!
ON RACING FEET HE EASILY OVERTAKES THE CAR

ONCE AGAIN A THUNDERBOLT BOOMS AND -

BOOOM

THANKS, CAPTAIN MARVEL. WISH I COULD RUN THAT FAST MYSELF.

-MARVEL BECOMES BILLY BATSON AGAIN.

JEEZT, I SWEAR I HEARD LIGHTNIN' - TWICET - BOSS!

PROBABLY - AUTOMOBILES - BACKFIRING

THE CAR'S OCCUPANTS ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR PASSENGER BEHIND.

SUDDENLY THE CAR SWERVES OFF THE ROAD THROUGH A DOOR INGENIOUSLY CUT IN THE FACE OF A SOLID ROCK WALL.

WE - ARE - NOT - ALONE!

WADDYA MEAN, BOSS? THERE AIN'T NOBODY HERE.

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AS THE LIGHTS FLASH ON, BILLY, TRAPPED, TRIES TO CRAWL UNDER THE CAR TO HIDE.

SO - I - AM - MISTAKEN - AM - I?

JEEZT! IT'S DAT FRESH BRAT AGAIN!

BUT SLAUGHTER SLADE LIFTS THE COUPE AS IF IT WERE A TOY.

YOU - ARE - A - FOOLHARDY - CHILD. I - THINK - I - WILL - KILL - YOU! TAKE - HIM - UPSTAIRS - BUTCH.

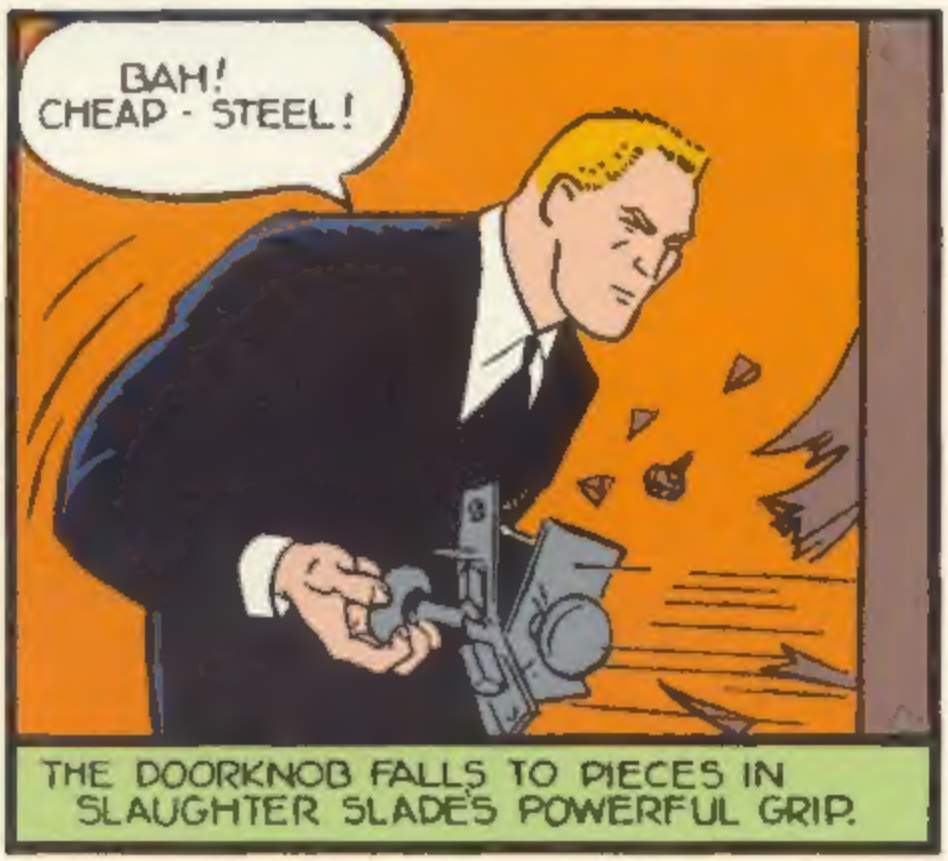
OK, BOSS.

I - I JUST WANTED TO INTERVIEW YOU, MISTER SLADE.

I'LL TAKE THIS HERE RADIO AND THIS EAR. GIT GOIN'!
OW!

I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE BEFORE I CALL ON CAPTAIN MARVEL.

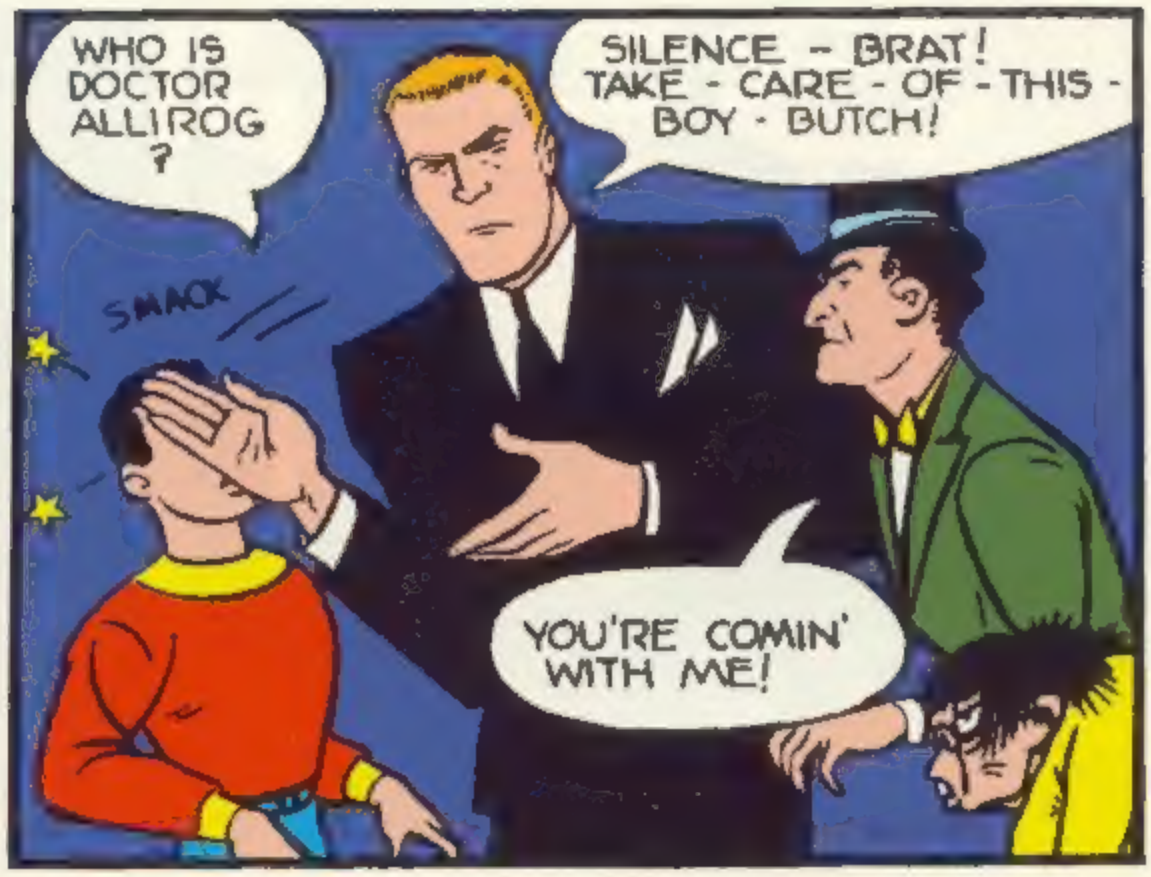
WHY - IS - THIS - DOOR - LOCKED?
JEEZT, I DUNNO, BOSS. IT WAS OPEN WHEN WE WENT TO DA FIGHT.
A MASSIVE, SOLID-OAK DOOR BARS THEIR WAY.


BAH! CHEAP - STEEL!
THE DOORKNOB FALLS TO PIECES IN SLAUGHTER SLADE'S POWERFUL GRIP.

WHAM
THERE - IS - ONLY - ONE WAY - TO - OPEN - IT!
ONE TERRIFIC BLOW FROM HIS MIGHTY FIST AND THE HUGE DOOR CRASHES APART.

WHAT-HAS HAPPENED?
JEEZT, BOSS. DA JOINT'S WRECKED!
SLAUGHTER SLADE'S LABORATORY LOOKS AS THOUGH A CYCLONE HAD SWEPT THROUGH IT.

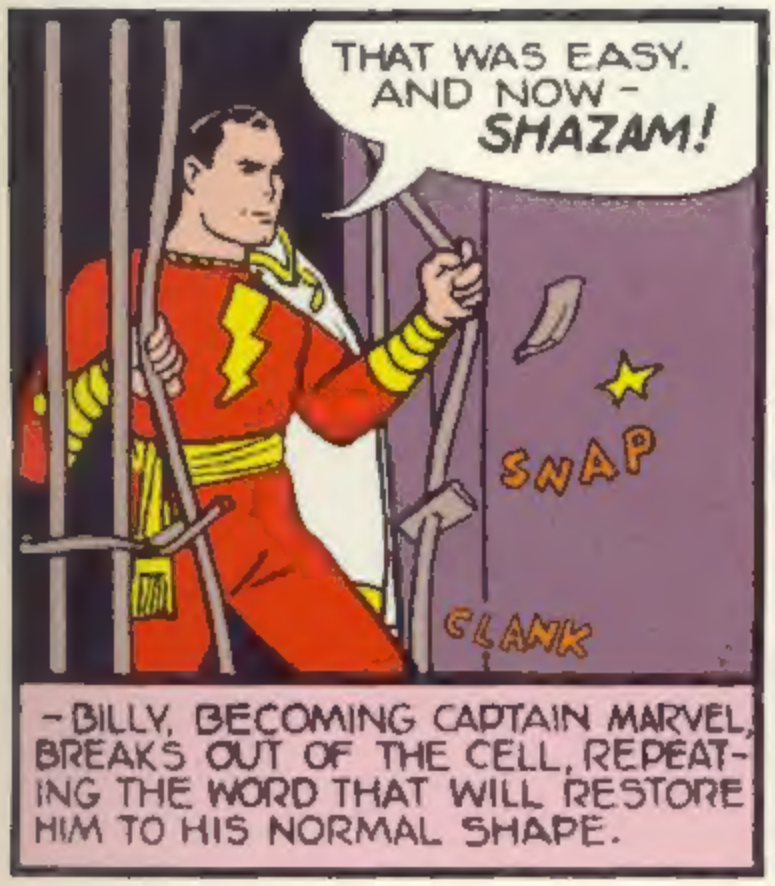
WHERE - IS - DOCTOR ALLIROG ?
HE GO, MASTER! SMASH EVERYTHING - ME TOO. THEN GO!
SLAUGHTER SLADE REVIVES HIS SINISTER SERVANT, SPIDER, AND QUESTIONS HIM.


WHO IS DOCTOR ALLIROG ?
SILENCE - BRAT! TAKE - CARE - OF - THIS - BOY - BUTCH!
SMACK
YOU'RE COMIN' WITH ME!

DON'T ASK NO MORE QUESTIONS, SEE?
BUT I-
DRAGGING BILLY DOWNSTAIRS, BUTCH THRUSTS HIM INTO A DISMAL, STEEL-BARRED PRISON CELL.

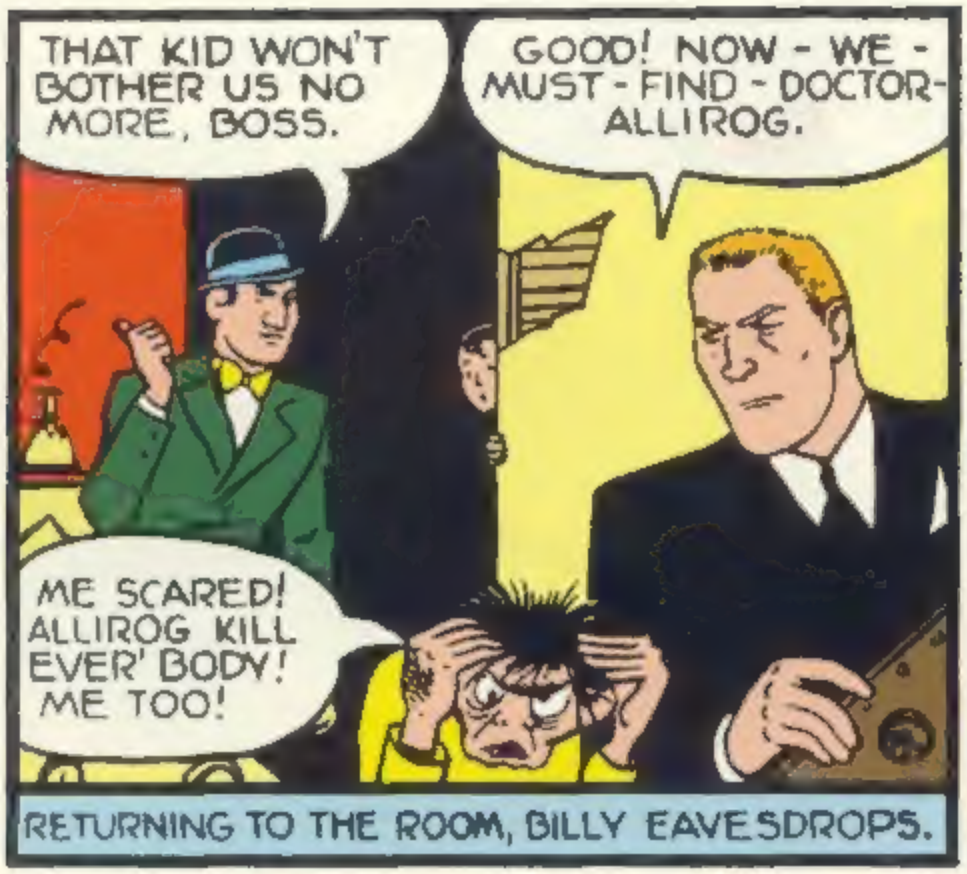
HE'S GONE. I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
SHAZAM!
LEFT ALONE, BILLY SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD.

BOOOM
LIGHTNING CRACKLES, THUNDER ROARS AND-

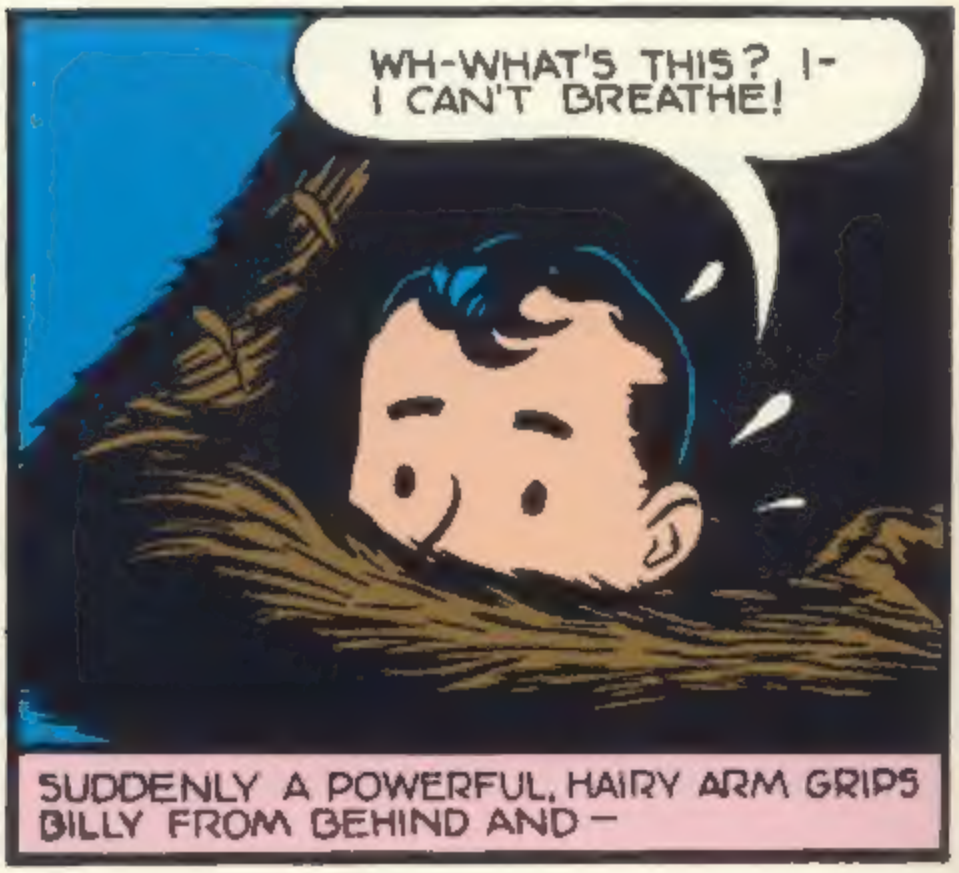

THAT WAS EASY. AND NOW - SHAZAM!
SNAP
CLANK
-BILLY, BECOMING CAPTAIN MARVEL, BREAKS OUT OF THE CELL, REPEATING THE WORD THAT WILL RESTORE HIM TO HIS NORMAL SHAPE.

ONCE MORE A TERRIFIC THUNDERCLAP TRANSFORMS CAPTAIN MARVEL INTO -
SMASH!

I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
-BILLY BATSON, WHO HURRIES BACK TO THE LABORATORY.



RETURNING TO THE ROOM, BILLY EAVESDROPS.



SUDDENLY A POWERFUL, HAIRY ARM GRIPS BILLY FROM BEHIND AND —

—A GIANT GORILLA CRASHES INTO THE LABORATORY, HOLDING THE HELPLESS BOY OVERHEAD.

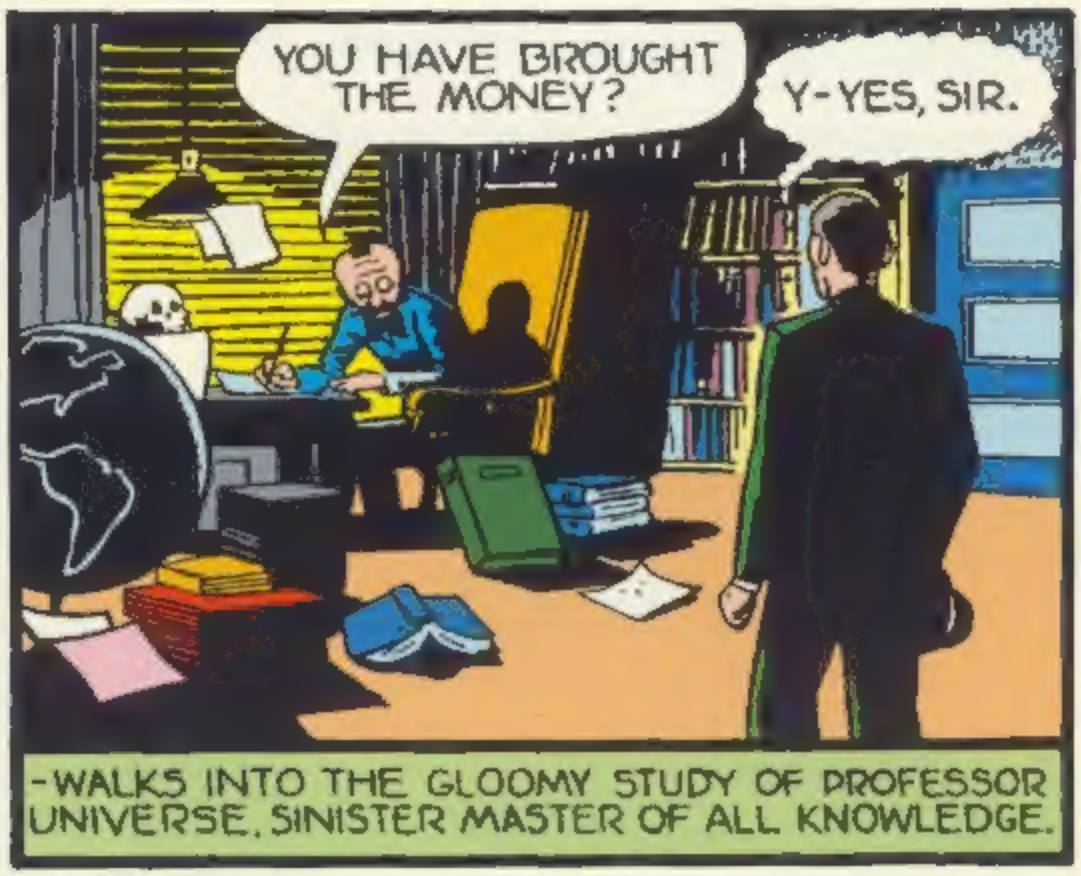
SLAUGHTER SLADE TESTS HIS PSYCHIC POWERS AGAINST THE ONRUSHING GORILLA.

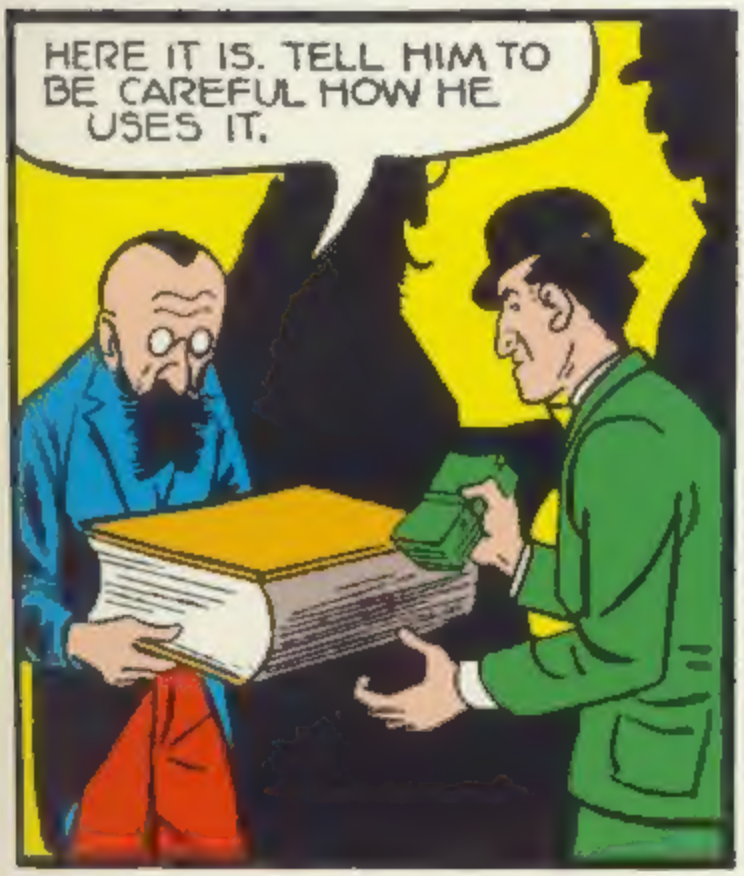
OBEDIENTLY THE HUGE BEAST GENTLY PLACES BILLY ON THE FLOOR AND WALKS ACROSS THE ROOM, HIS SAVAGENESS GONE.

YOU - WILL - STAY - HERE - UNTIL - I - AM - READY - TO - RELEASE - YOU.
SLAUGHTER SLADE CHAINS DR. ALLIROG TO A STRANGE - LOOKING DEVICE.

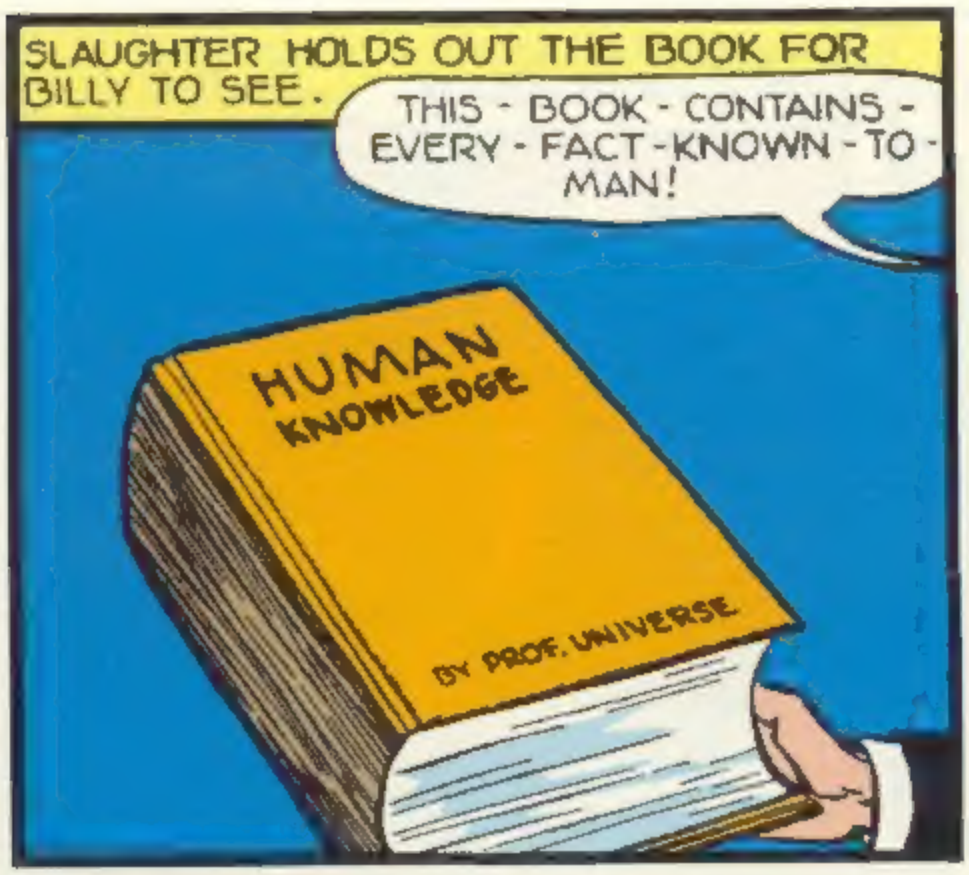
TAKE - THIS - MONEY - AND - GET - THE - BOOK.
OKAY, BOSS.
THE HUGE MAN HANDS BUTCH $200,000, SLADE'S SHARE OF THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEEDS.

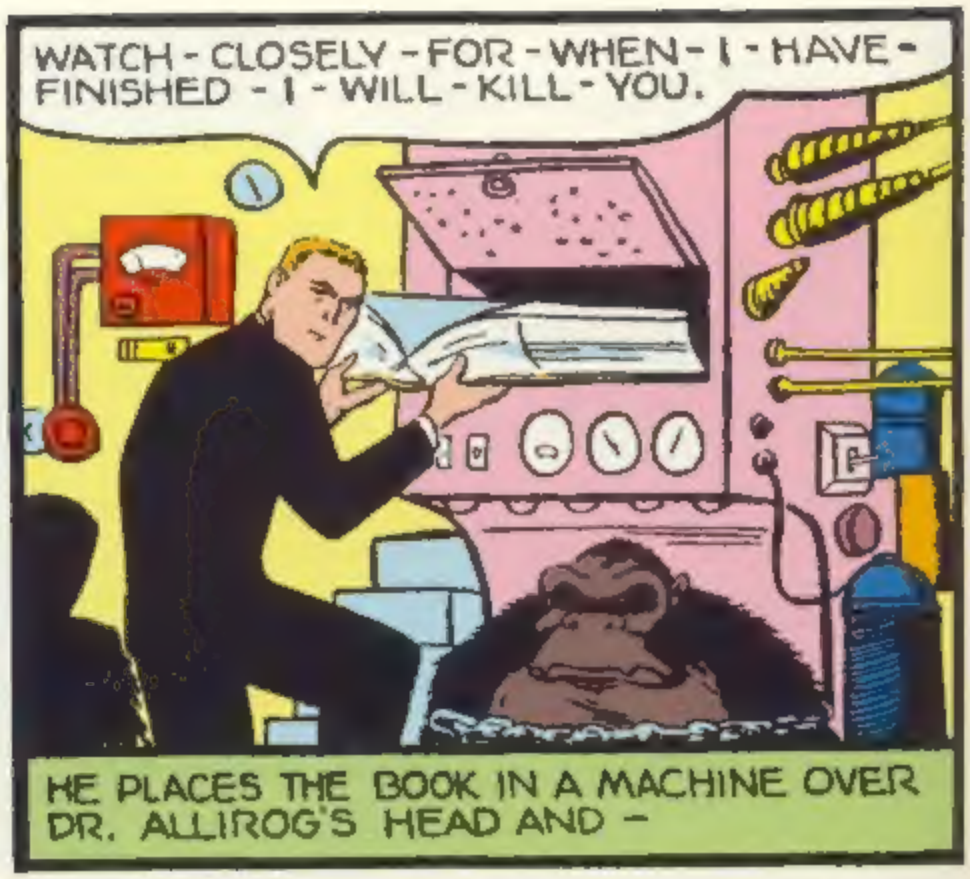
MILES OUT OF TOWN BUTCH REACHES HIS DESTINATION AND-
JEEZT, I DONT LIKE THIS!


YOU HAVE BROUGHT THE MONEY?
Y-YES, SIR.
-WALKS INTO THE GLOOMY STUDY OF PROFESSOR UNIVERSE, SINISTER MASTER OF ALL KNOWLEDGE.

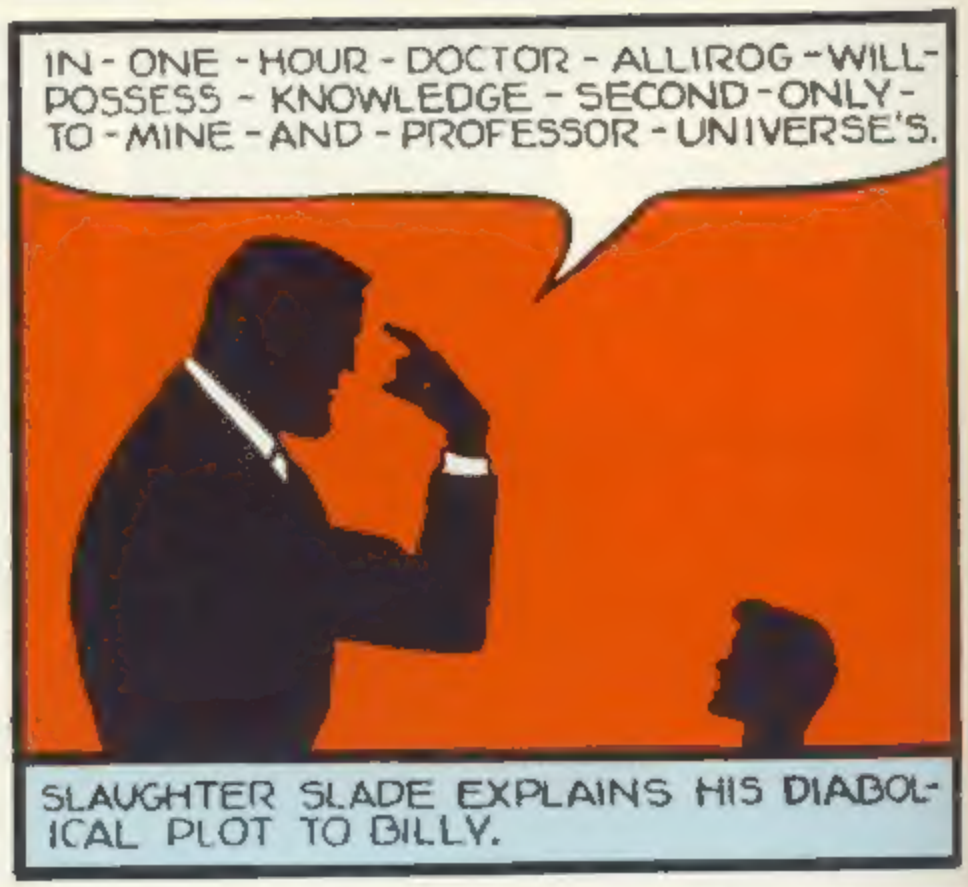

HERE IT IS. TELL HIM TO BE CAREFUL HOW HE USES IT.

HERE IT IS, BOSS. JEEZT, THAT GUY GIMME THE CREEPS!
HE - IS - A - GENIUS.
AN HOUR LATER BUTCH RETURNS FROM HIS MISSION.

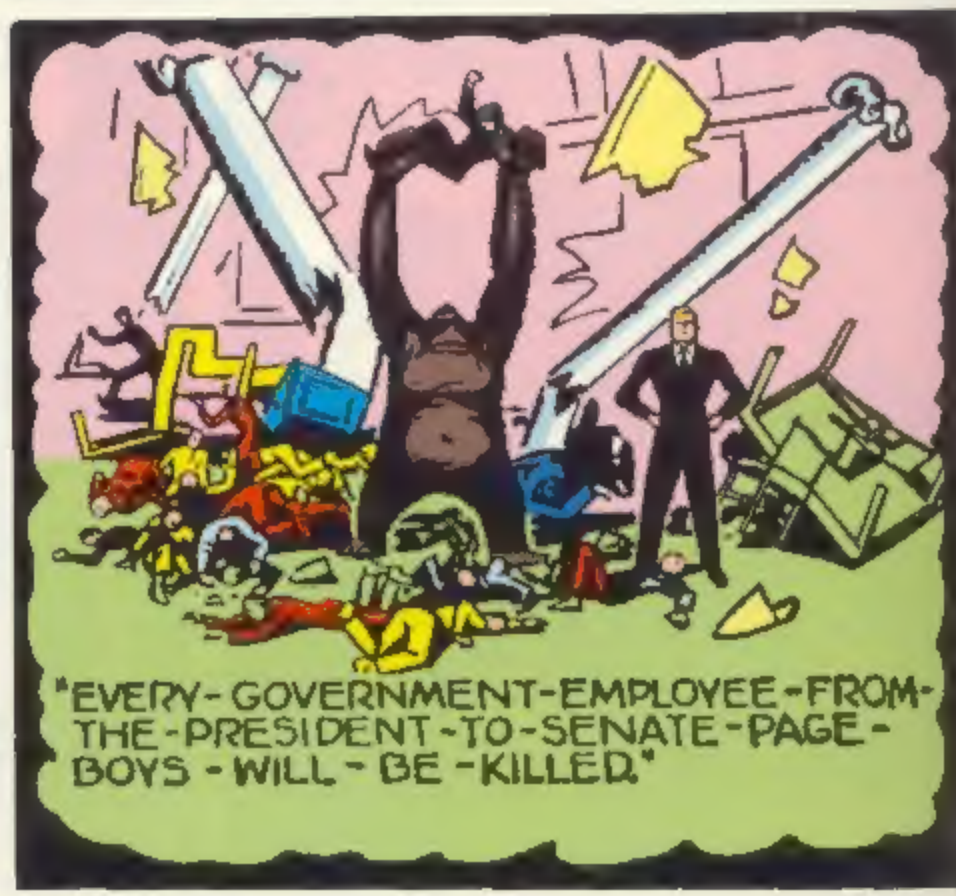

SLAUGHTER HOLDS OUT THE BOOK FOR BILLY TO SEE.
THIS - BOOK - CONTAINS - EVERY - FACT - KNOWN - TO - MAN!
HUMAN KNOWLEDGE
BY PROF. UNIVERSE


WATCH - CLOSELY - FOR - WHEN - I - HAVE - FINISHED - I - WILL - KILL - YOU.
HE PLACES THE BOOK IN A MACHINE OVER DR. ALLIROG'S HEAD AND -

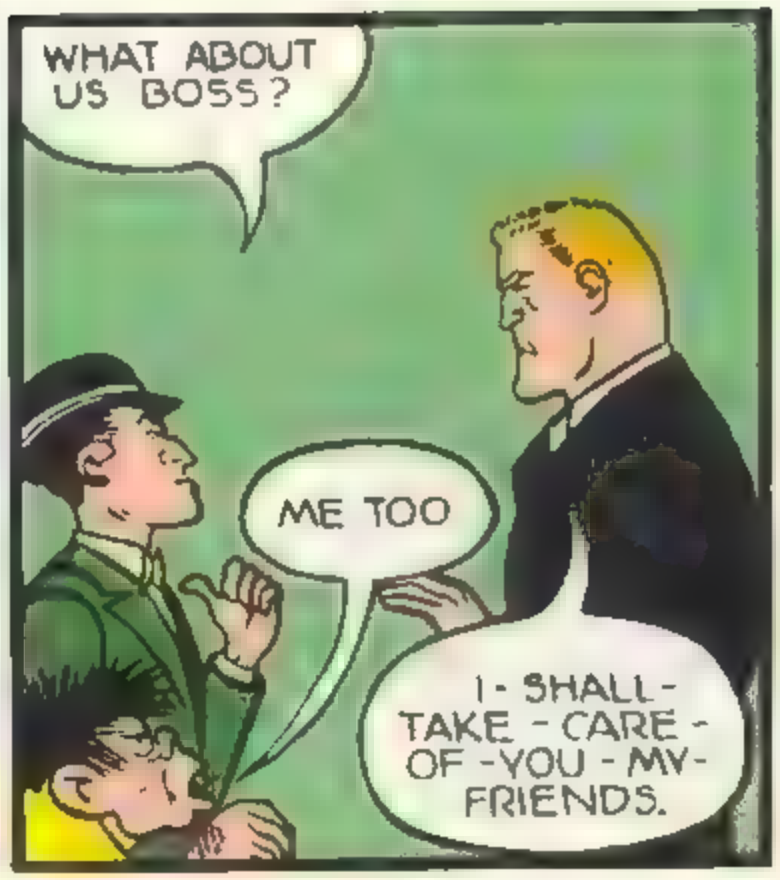
-SUPER X-RAYS BURN THE FACTS IN THE BOOK INTO THE GORILLA'S BRAIN.

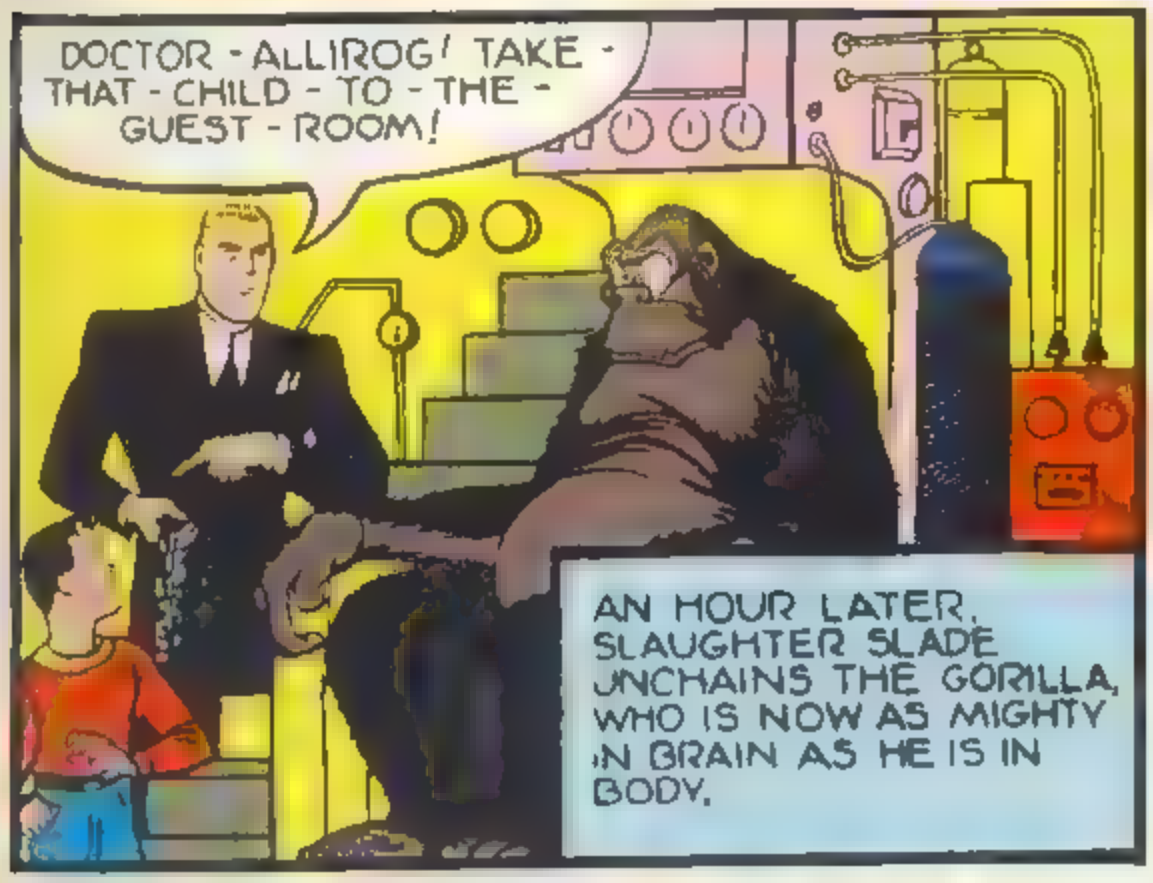

IN - ONE - HOUR - DOCTOR - ALLIROG - WILL - POSSESS - KNOWLEDGE - SECOND - ONLY - TO - MINE - AND - PROFESSOR - UNIVERSE'S.
SLAUGHTER SLADE EXPLAINS HIS DIABOLICAL PLOT TO BILLY.

"FIRST - WE - SHALL - SEIZE - CONTROL - OF - THE - GOVERNMENT."


"EVERY - GOVERNMENT - EMPLOYEE - FROM - THE - PRESIDENT - TO - SENATE - PAGE - BOYS - WILL - BE - KILLED."

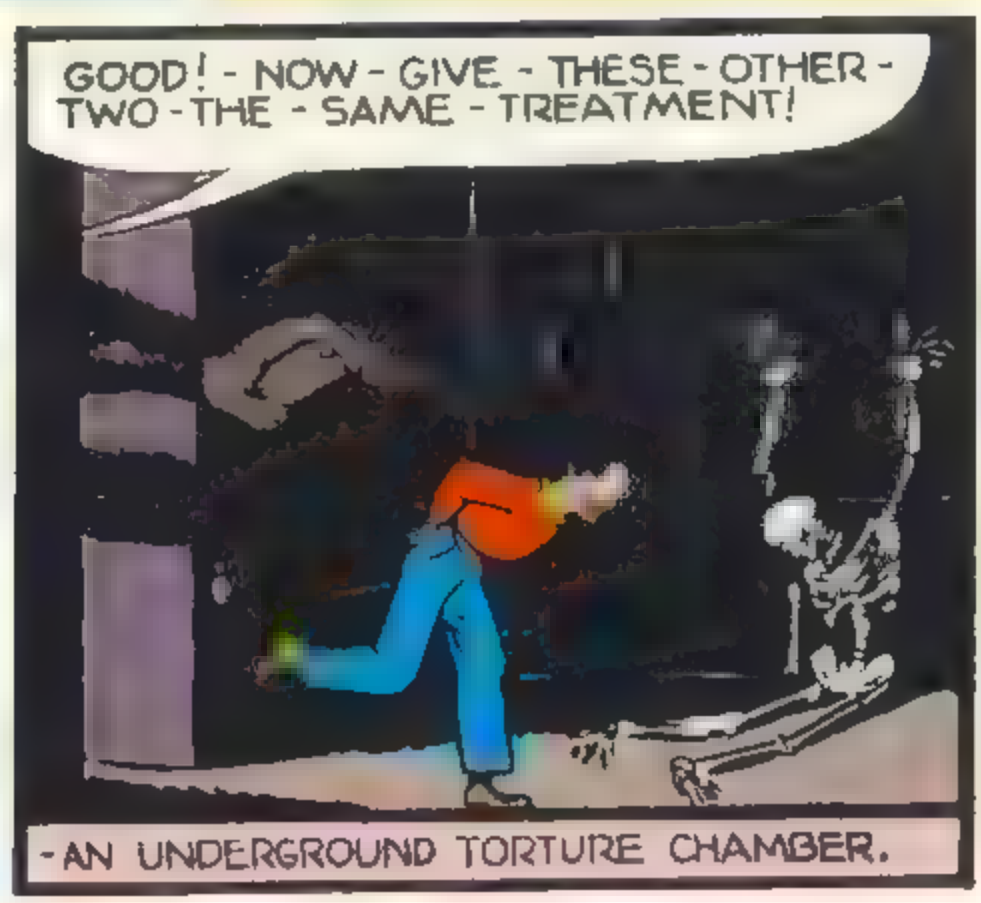
"I - SHALL - THEN - ELECT - MYSELF - PRESIDENT - AND - DOCTOR - ALLIROG - SHALL - BE - VICE - PRESIDENT."


WHAT ABOUT US BOSS?
ME TOO
I - SHALL - TAKE - CARE - OF - YOU - MY - FRIENDS.

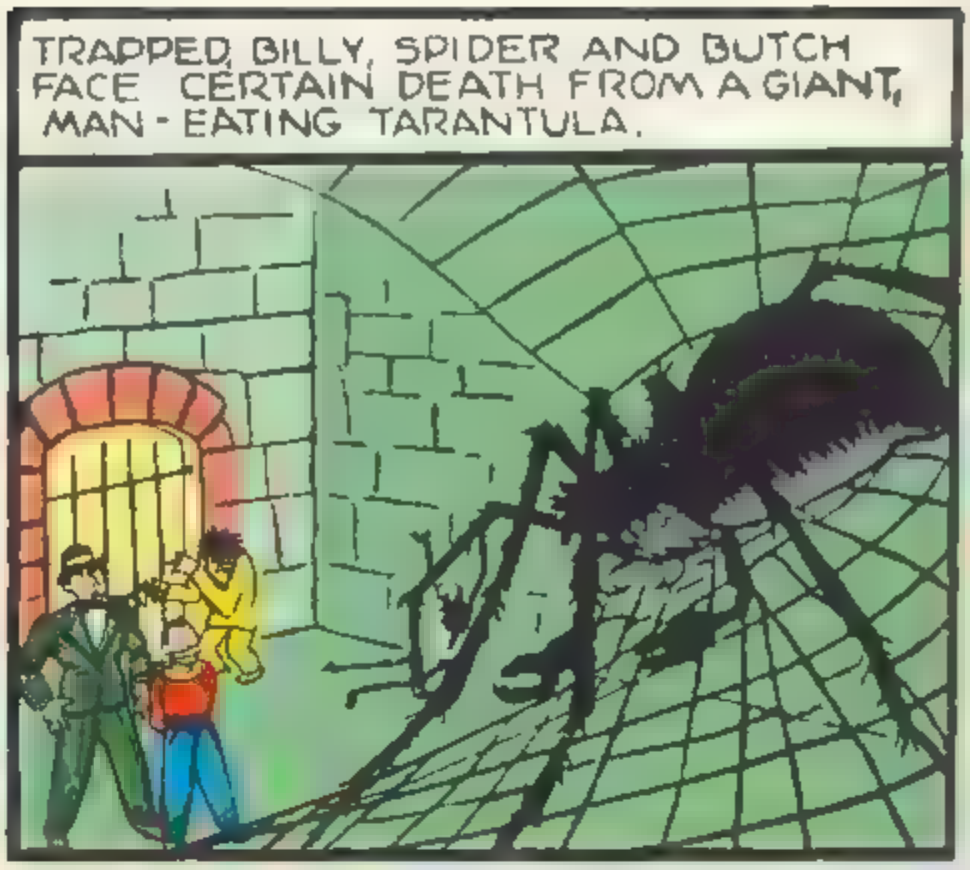

DOCTOR - ALLIROG! TAKE - THAT - CHILD - TO - THE - GUEST - ROOM!
AN HOUR LATER, SLAUGHTER SLADE UNCHAINS THE GORILLA, WHO IS NOW AS MIGHTY IN BRAIN AS HE IS IN BODY.

CAPTAIN MARVEL, DO YOUR STUFF! SHA -
BUT BEFORE BILLY CAN SPEAK THE MAGIC WORD, THE GORILLA GRABS HIM AND —

-GAGGED, BILLY IS CARRIED DOWNSTAIRS TO -

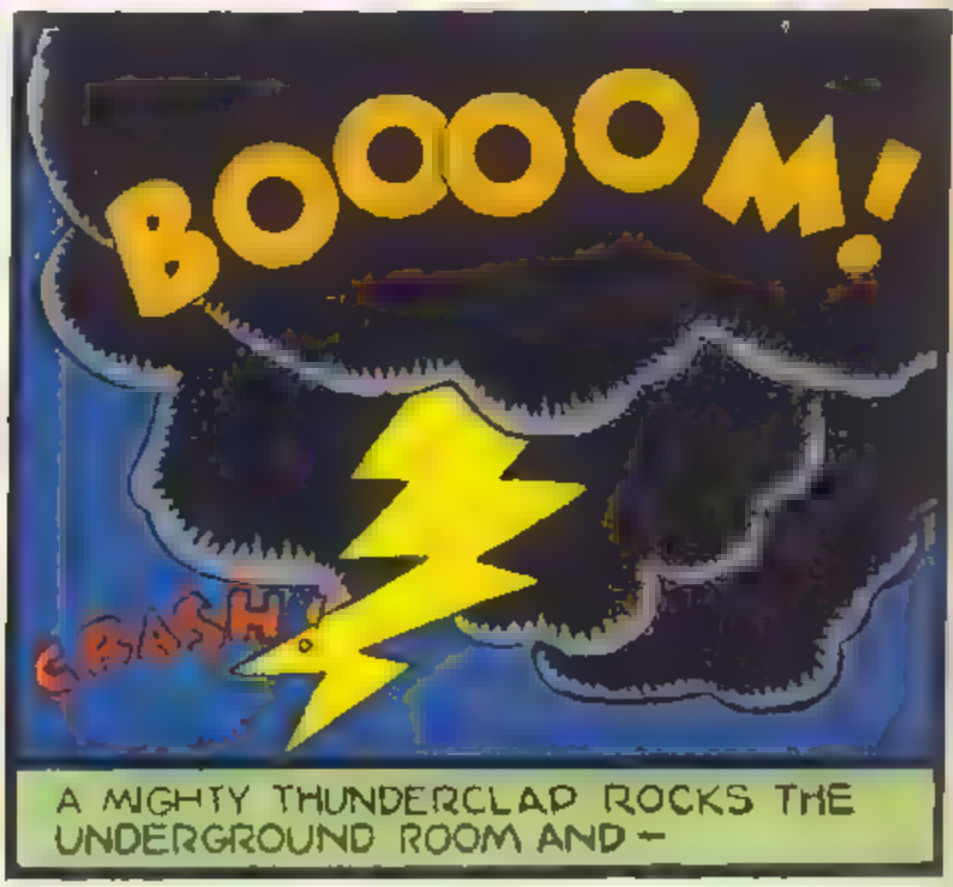

GOOD! - NOW - GIVE - THESE - OTHER - TWO - THE - SAME - TREATMENT!
-AN UNDERGROUND TORTURE CHAMBER.

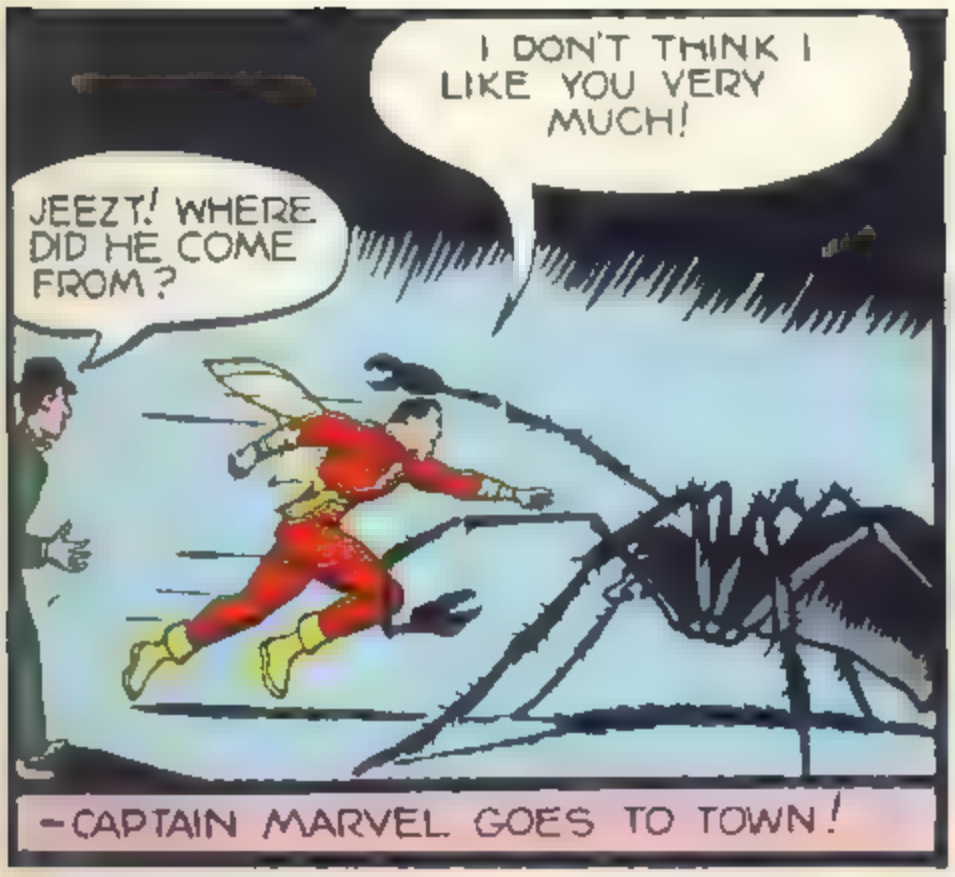
I - DONT - NEED - YOU - ANY - LONGER.
HEY, BOSS, WHAT'S UP?
ME TOO!
THE TREACHEROUS SLAUGHTER SLADE DOUBLE CROSSES HIS OTHER TWO ACCOMPLICES!

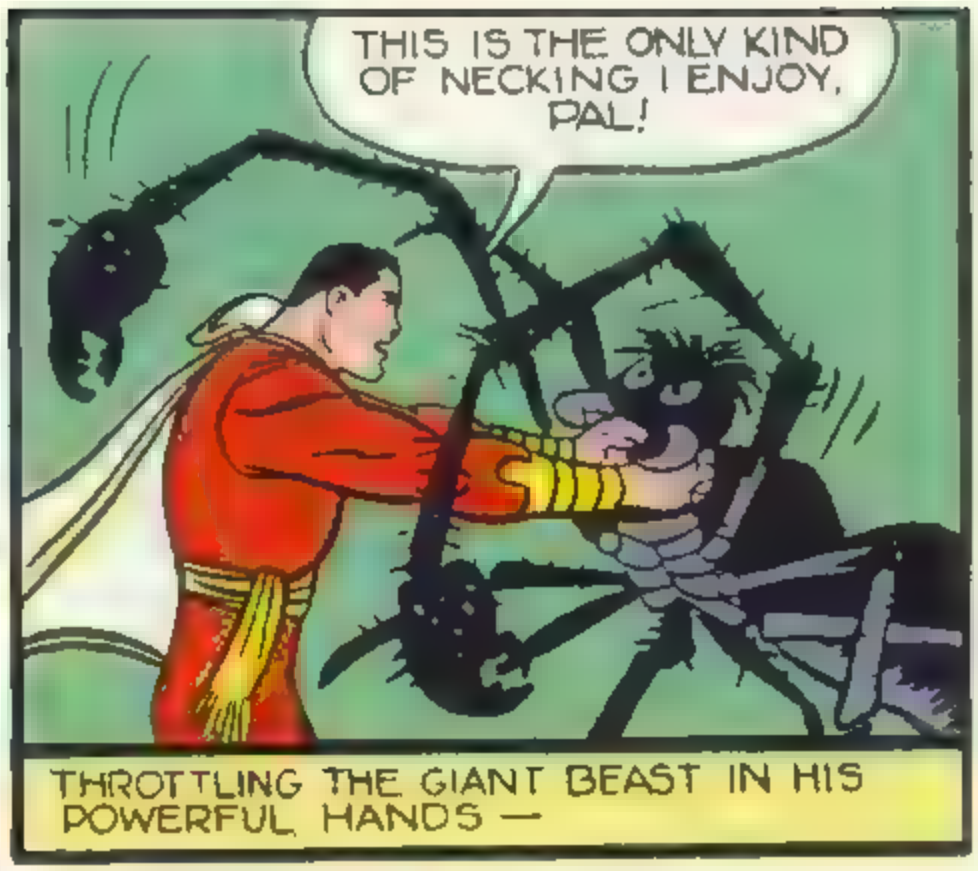

TRAPPED, BILLY, SPIDER AND BUTCH FACE CERTAIN DEATH FROM A GIANT, MAN - EATING TARANTULA.

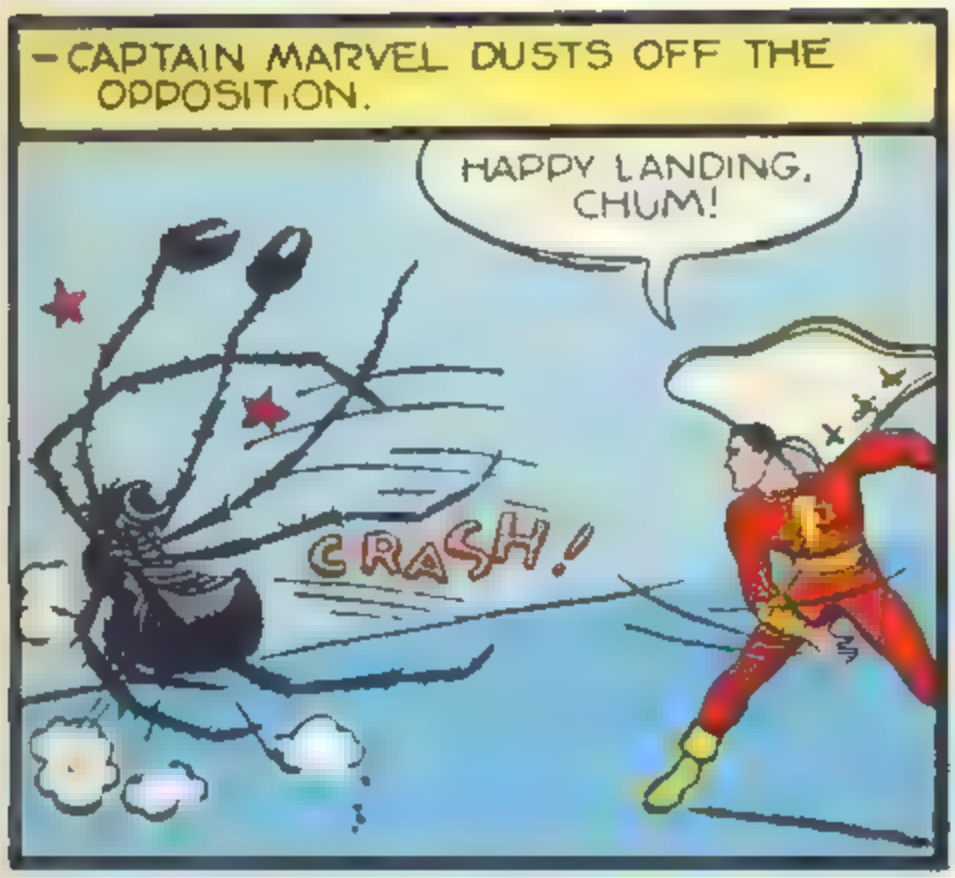
THE GIGANTIC ANIMAL LUNGES TOWARD BILLY AND -

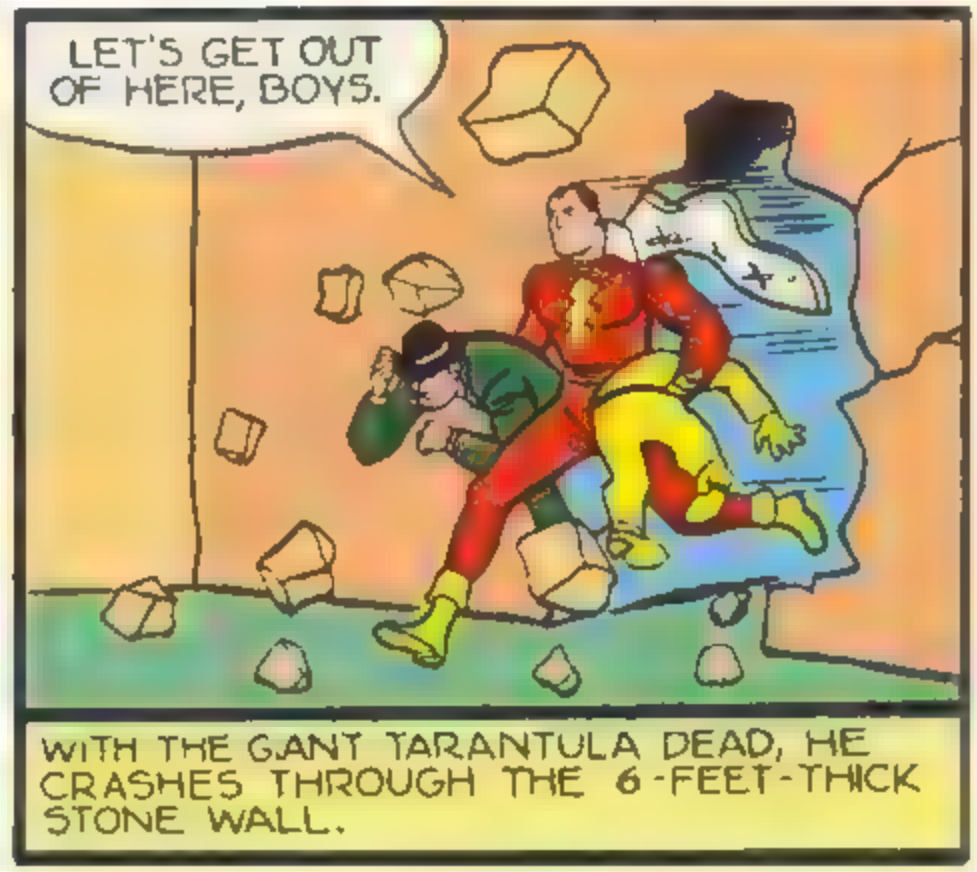
- THE RAZOR - SHARP CLAW RIPS OFF BILLY'S GAG, ENABLING HIM TO SPEAK THE MAGIC WORD
BOY! THAT WAS CLOSE! SHAZAM!

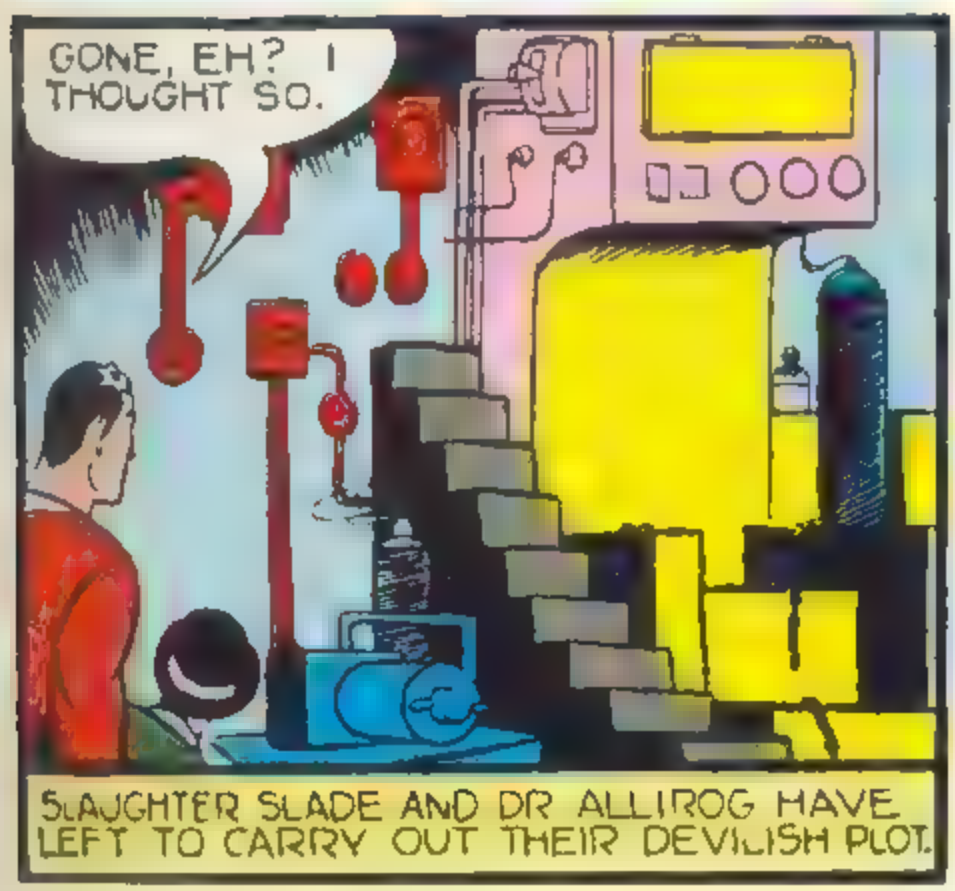

BOOOOM!
CRASH!
A MIGHTY THUNDERCLAP ROCKS THE UNDERGROUND ROOM AND -

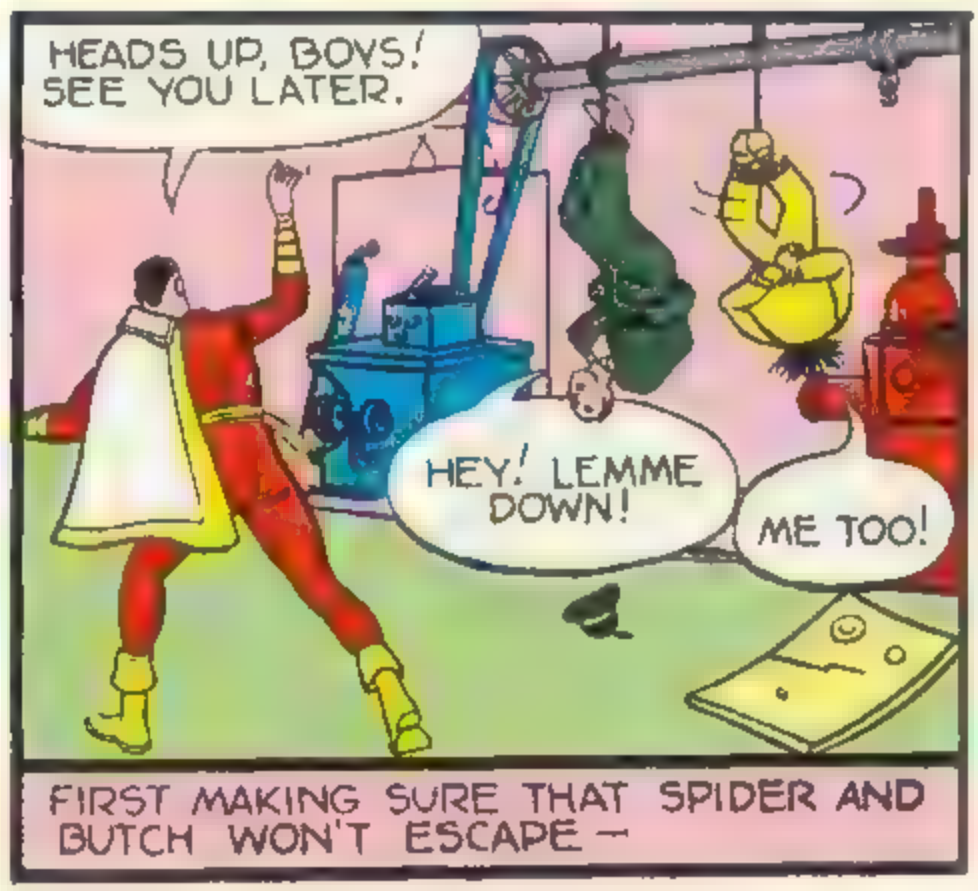

I DON'T THINK I LIKE YOU VERY MUCH!
JEEZ!! WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
-CAPTAIN MARVEL GOES TO TOWN!

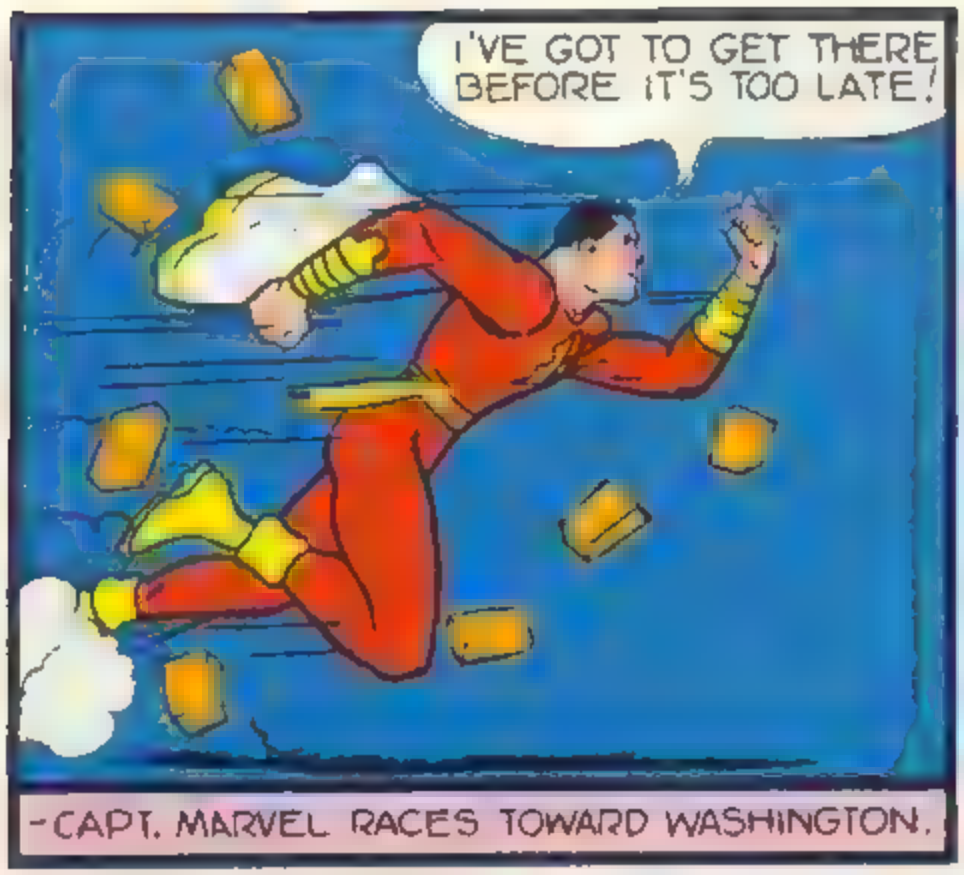

THIS IS THE ONLY KIND OF NECKING I ENJOY, PAL!
THROTTLING THE GIANT BEAST IN HIS POWERFUL HANDS —


-CAPTAIN MARVEL DUSTS OFF THE OPPOSITION.
HAPPY LANDING, CHUM!
CRASH!

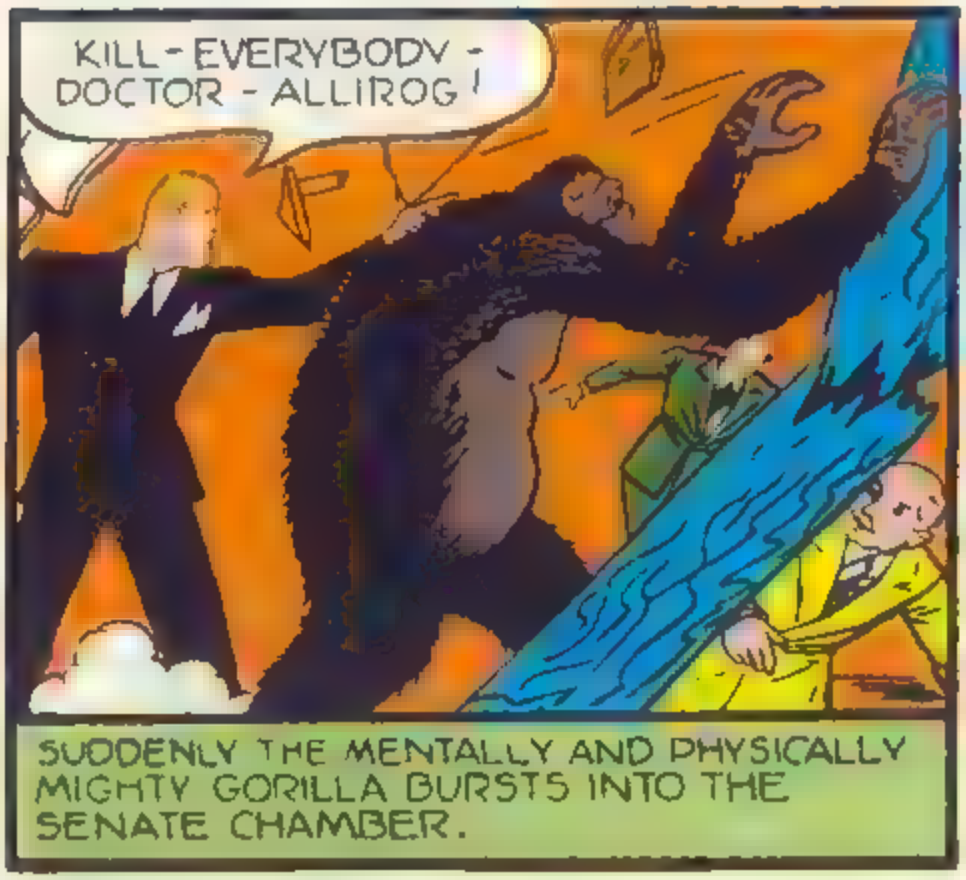

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, BOYS.
WITH THE GIANT TARANTULA DEAD, HE CRASHES THROUGH THE 6-FEET-THICK STONE WALL.

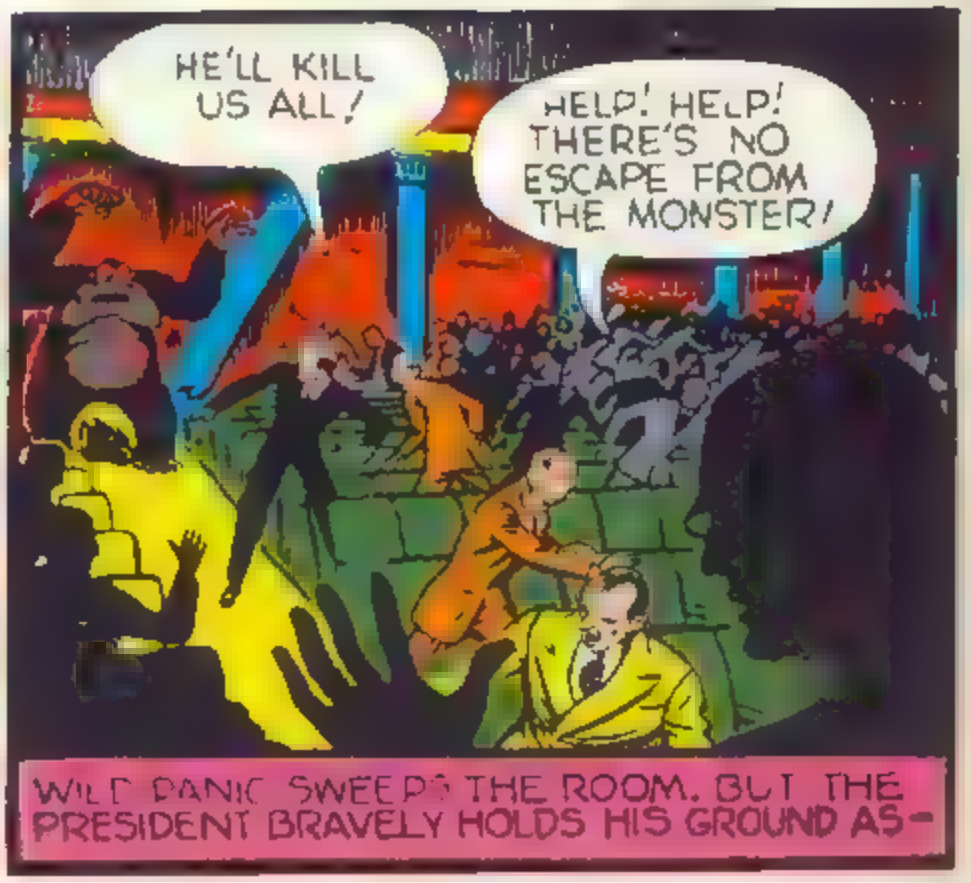

GONE, EH? I THOUGHT SO.
SLAUGHTER SLADE AND DR ALLIROG HAVE LEFT TO CARRY OUT THEIR DEVILISH PLOT.

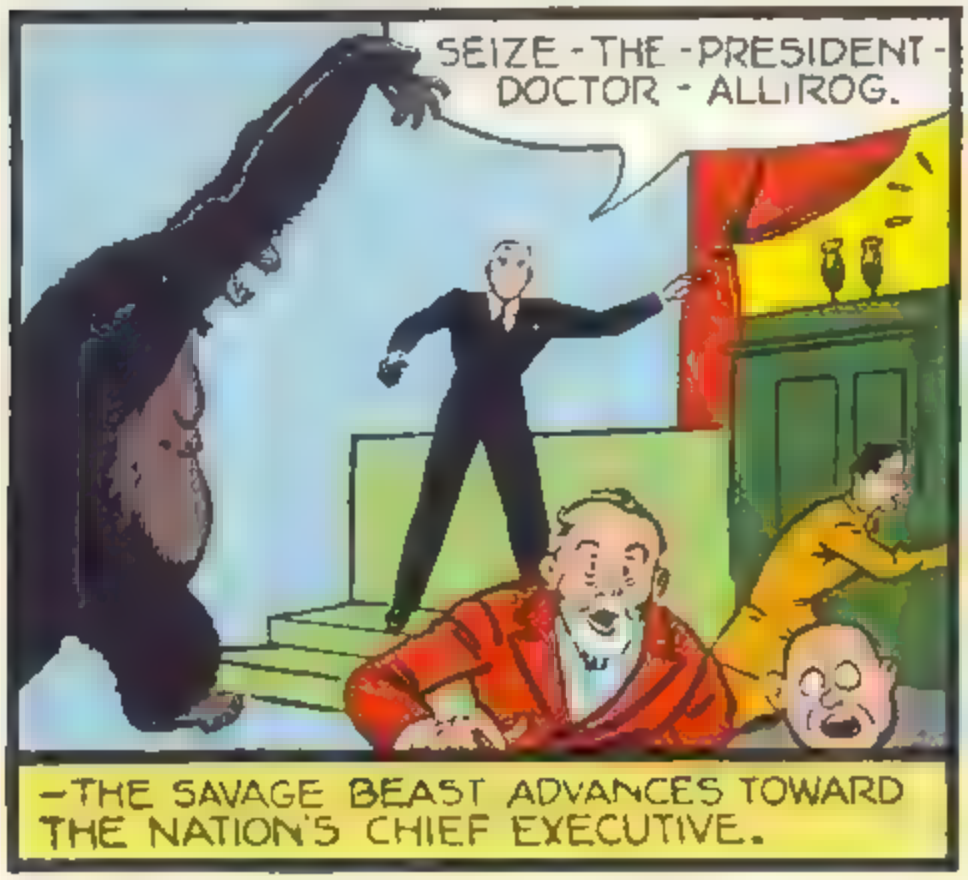

HEADS UP, BOYS! SEE YOU LATER.
HEY! LEMME DOWN!
ME TOO!
FIRST MAKING SURE THAT SPIDER AND BUTCH WON'T ESCAPE —

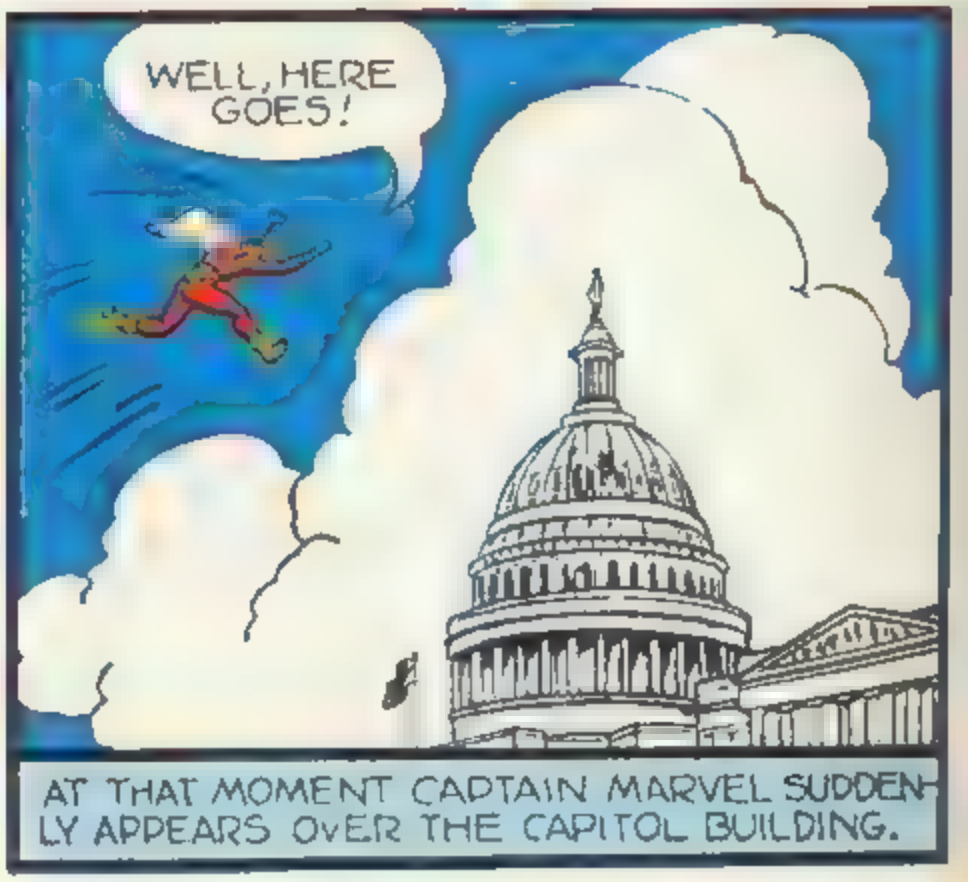

I'VE GOT TO GET THERE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
-CAPT. MARVEL RACES TOWARD WASHINGTON.

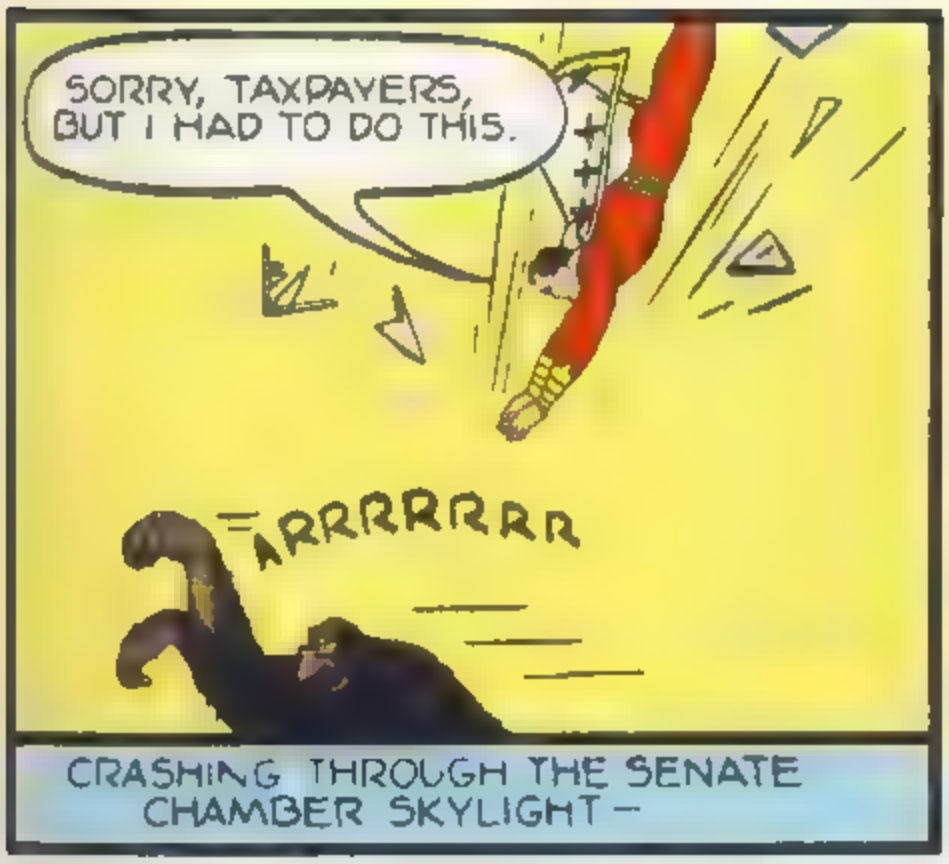
IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ADDRESSES EVERY IMPORTANT OFFICIAL IN AMERICA, GATHERED FOR THE OPENING OF CONGRESS.
AT THIS OPENING SESSION OF CONGRESS, IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO ME THAT WE-


KILL-EVERYBODY-DOCTOR-ALLIROG!
SUDDENLY THE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY MIGHTY GORILLA BURSTS INTO THE SENATE CHAMBER.


HE'LL KILL US ALL!
HELP! HELP! THERE'S NO ESCAPE FROM THE MONSTER!
WILD PANIC SWEEPS THE ROOM. BUT THE PRESIDENT BRAVELY HOLDS HIS GROUND AS-

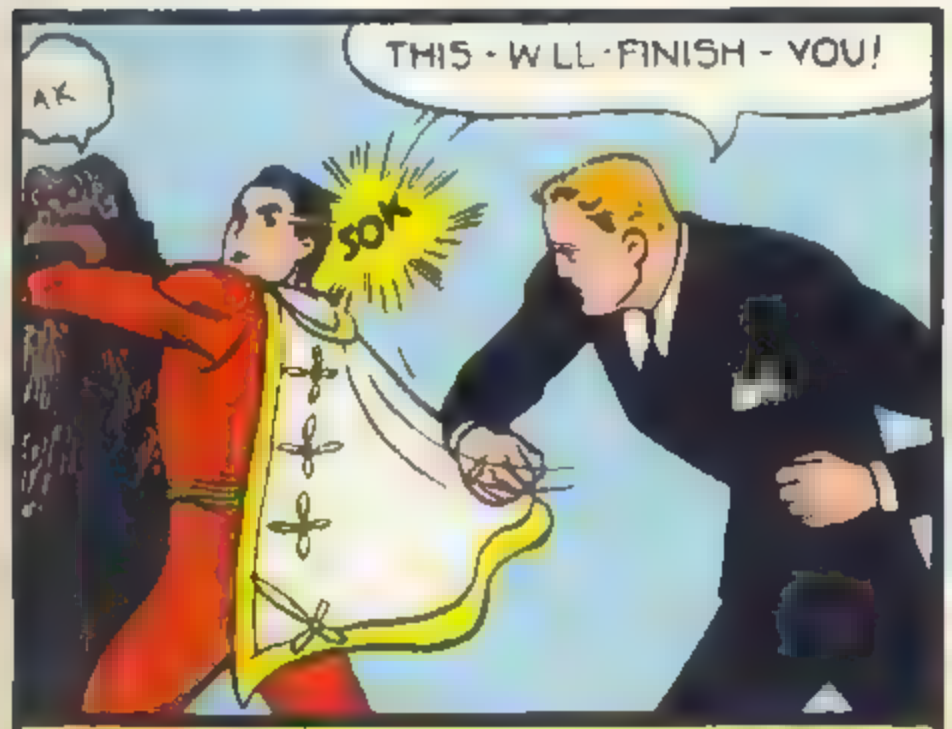

SEIZE-THE-PRESIDENT-DOCTOR-ALLIROG.
-THE SAVAGE BEAST ADVANCES TOWARD THE NATION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE.


WELL, HERE GOES!
AT THAT MOMENT CAPTAIN MARVEL SUDDENLY APPEARS OVER THE CAPITOL BUILDING.



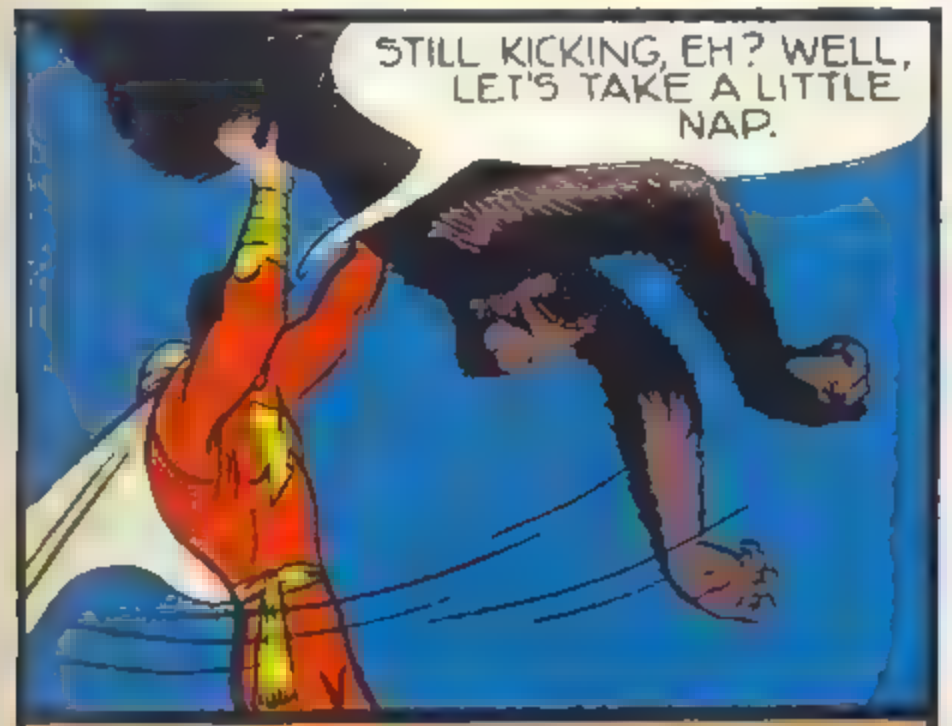
CRASHING THROUGH THE SENATE CHAMBER SKYLIGHT –

–HE SCORES A DIRECT HIT ON DR. ALLIROG.



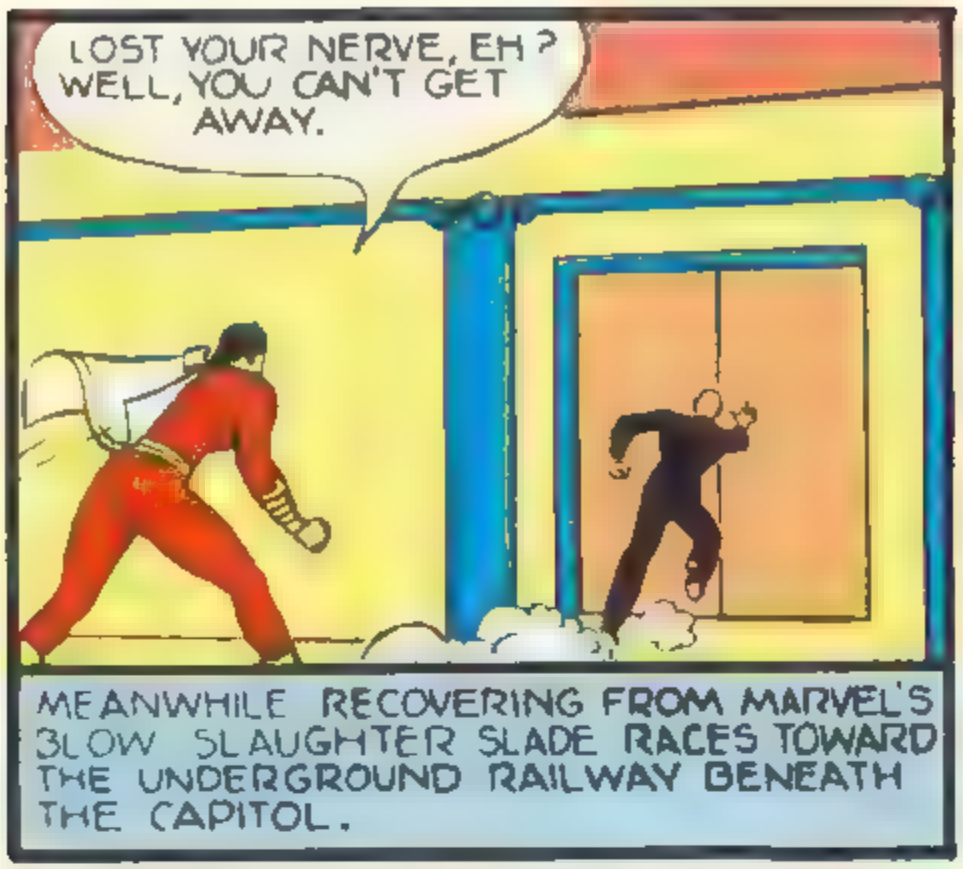
SLAUGHTER SLADE UNLEASHES THE PUNCH THAT WON HIM THE WORLD'S HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL COUNTERS WITH A JOLTING UPPERCUT.

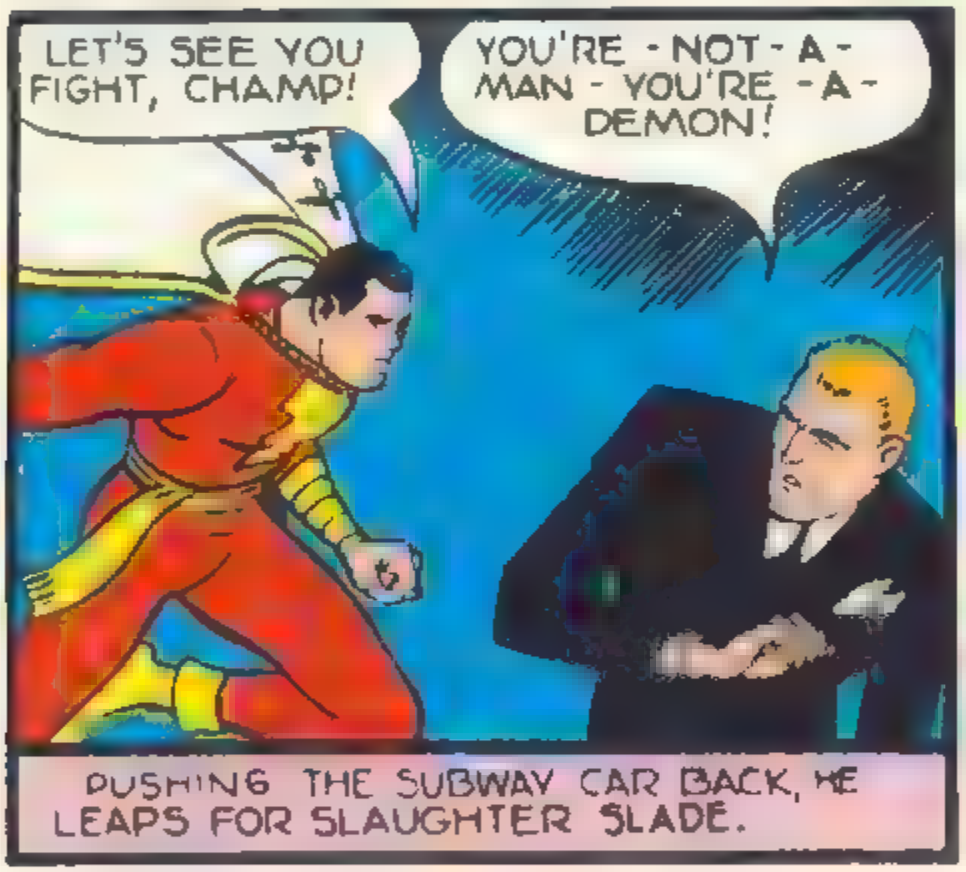


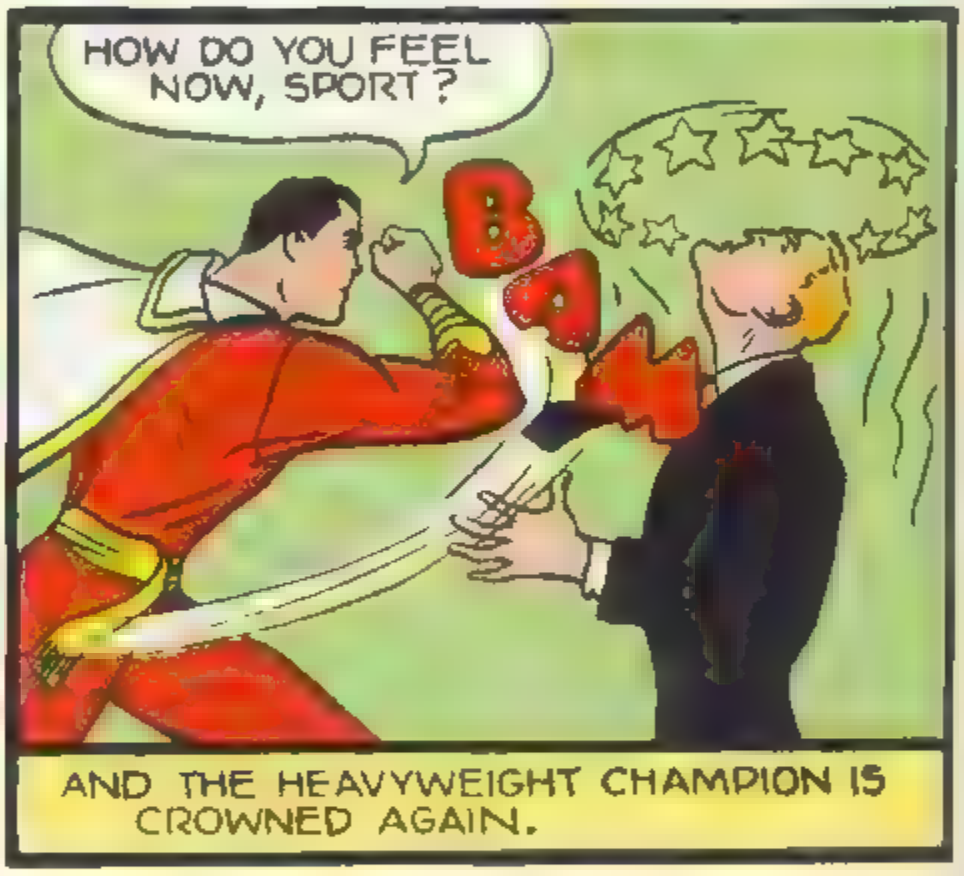
WHEN THE GORILLA RETURNS TO THE ATTACK, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN PICKS HIM UP AND –

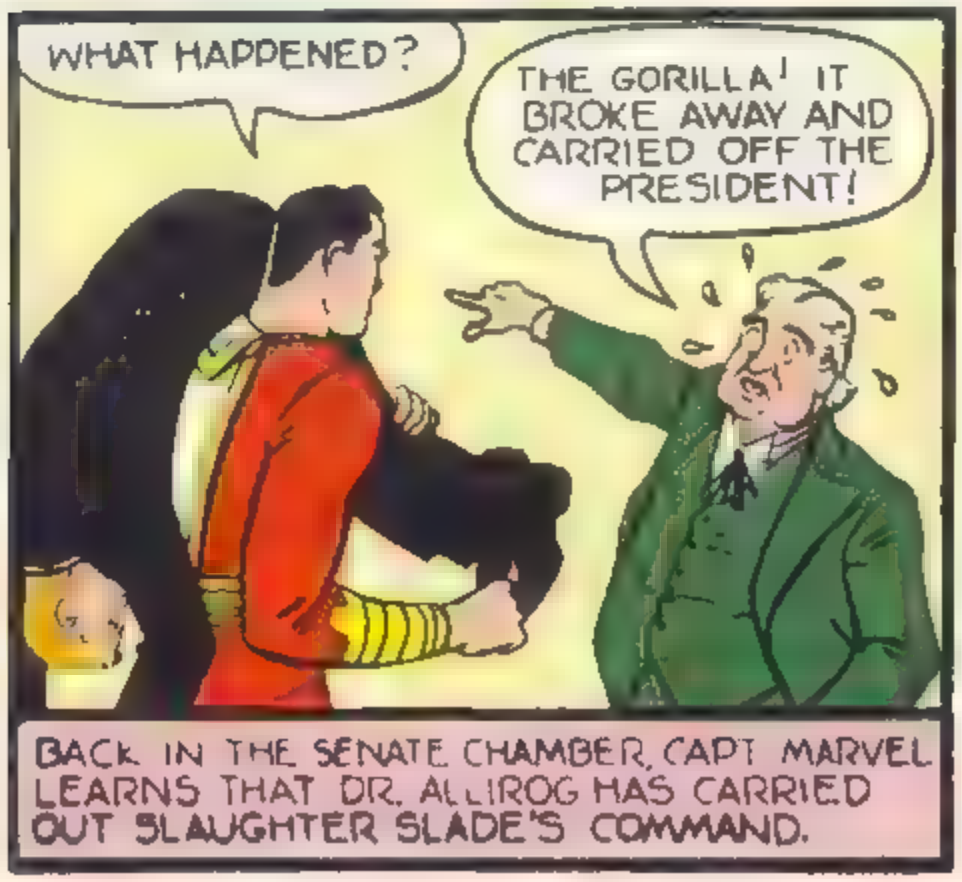
–KNOCKS THE GREAT BEAST SENSELESS.

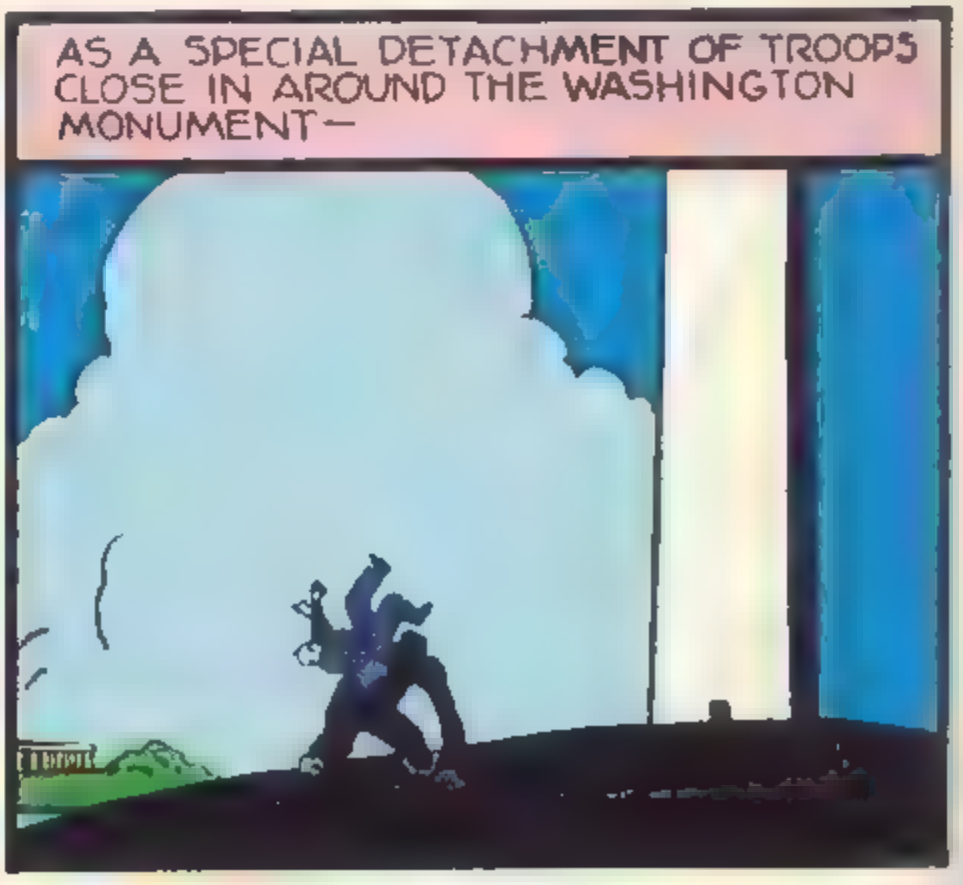

LOST YOUR NERVE, EH? WELL, YOU CAN'T GET AWAY.
MEANWHILE RECOVERING FROM MARVEL'S SLOW SLAUGHTER SLADE RACES TOWARD THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY BENEATH THE CAPITOL.

COME BACK, ALL IS FORGIVEN - I DON'T THINK!
FAR DOWN THE DARK TUNNEL, MARVEL OVERTAKES HIS FLEEING FOE.


LET'S SEE YOU FIGHT, CHAMP!
YOU'RE - NOT - A - MAN - YOU'RE - A - DEMON!
PUSHING THE SUBWAY CAR BACK, HE LEAPS FOR SLAUGHTER SLADE.


HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW, SPORT?
BAM
AND THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION IS CROWNED AGAIN.


WHAT HAPPENED?
THE GORILLA! IT BROKE AWAY AND CARRIED OFF THE PRESIDENT!
BACK IN THE SENATE CHAMBER, CAPT. MARVEL LEARNS THAT DR. ALLIROG HAS CARRIED OUT SLAUGHTER SLADE'S COMMAND.


AS A SPECIAL DETACHMENT OF TROOPS CLOSE IN AROUND THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT—

-THE GORILLA CLIMBS THE 555-FOOT SHAFT AND ROARS DEFIANCE TO THE TERRIFIED CROWD BELOW

ARMY

US

THE PRESIDENT!

HE'LL BE KILLED!

NOTHING CAN SAVE HIM!

ORDER THAT APE TO COME DOWN!

VERY-WELL-BUT-YOU-WILL-REGRET-IT.

A MOMENT LATER CAPTAIN MARVEL AND THE GORILLA'S MASTER REACH THE SCENE.

DOCTOR-ALLIROG! COME-DOWN!

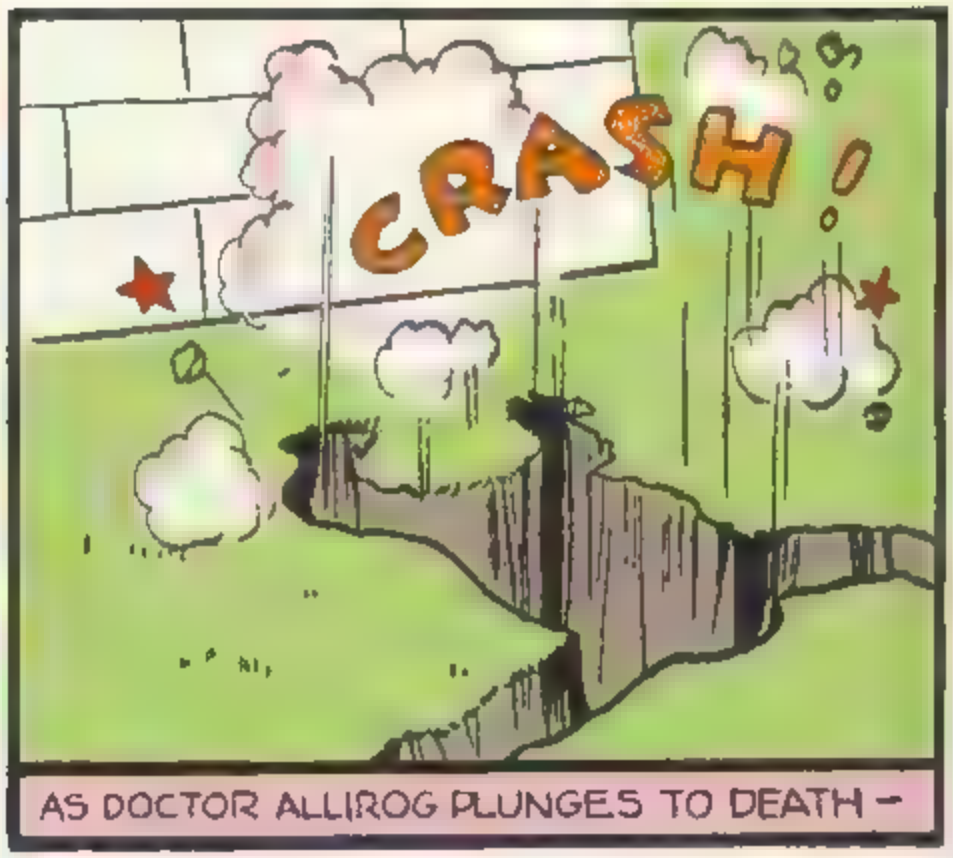
THE MIGHTY BEAST OBEYS SLAUGHTER SLADE'S ORDER BY LEAPING INTO SPACE!

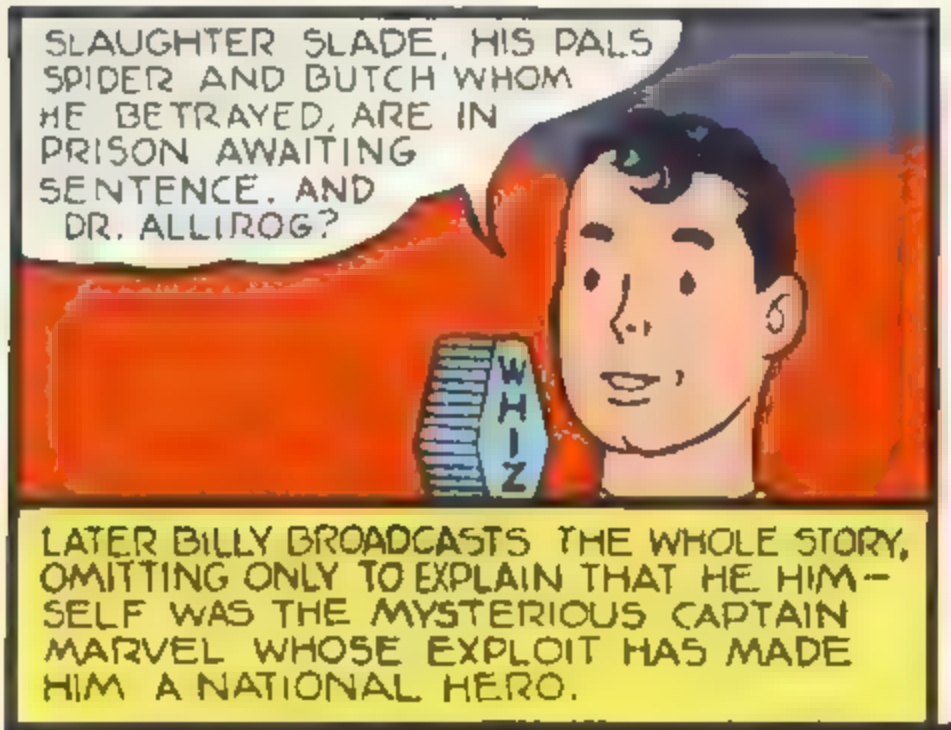
I'LL SAVE HIM!

IT'S A MIRACLE!

LOOK! THAT MAN IS LEAPING INTO THE AIR!

BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL SPRINGS UPWARD.





READ CAPTAIN MARVEL EVERY MONTH IN WHIZ COMICS • 10¢

CAPT. MARVEL AND THE HAUNTED HOUSE

BILLY BATSON, ACE RADIO REPORTER, INVESTIGATES A HAUNTED HOUSE AND FINDS HIMSELF INVOLVED IN A TERRIFYING SITUATION WHICH CALLS FORTH THE BEST EFFORTS OF HIS OTHER SELF, CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN.

IT IS 1890.

ON HIS DEATH BED THE ECCENTRIC BACHELOR-MILLIONAIRE, J. MORTON GROOD SAYS GOODBYE TO RICKETTS, THE LONELY OLD MAN'S BUTLER AND ONLY COMPANION FOR FORTY YEARS.

I'M DYING, RICKETTS. YOU'VE BEEN A FAITHFUL SERVANT. SO I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS

THANK YE, SIR. BUT WON'T YE LET ME SUMMON A DOCTOR, SIR? MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING HE COULD DO.

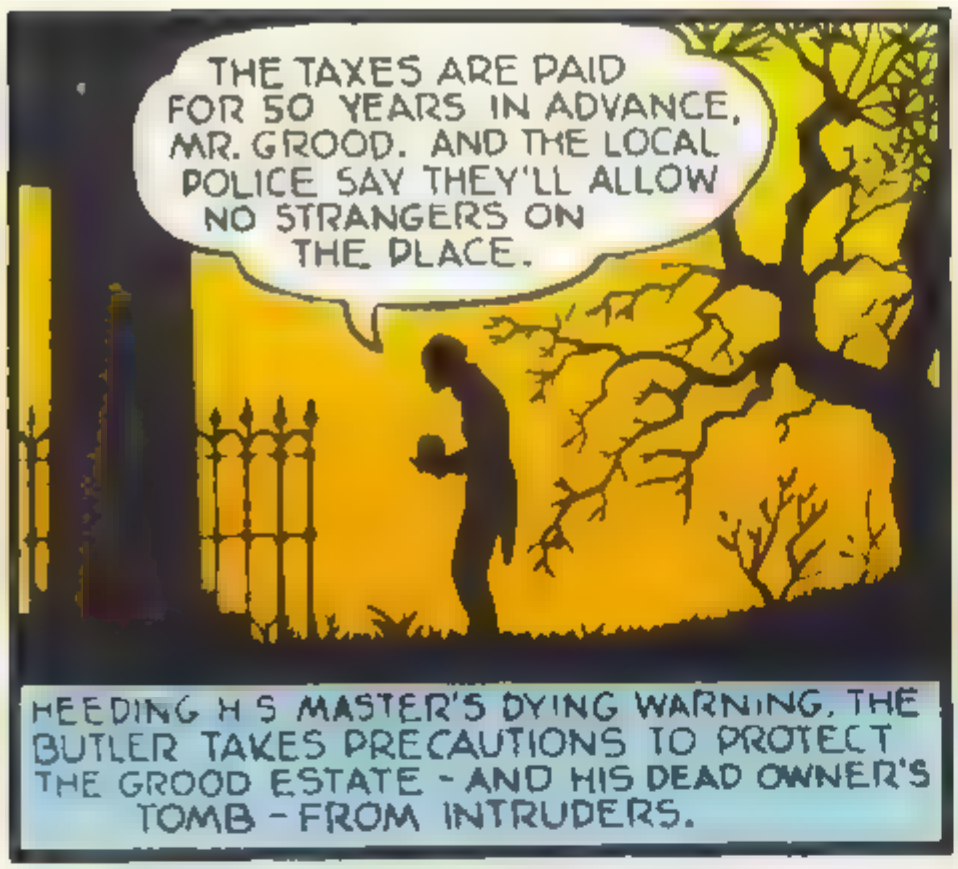
NO! NO! NOBODY BUT YOU AND ME HAS SET FOOT IN THIS HOUSE FOR FORTY YEARS. AND I WON'T HAVE ANY STRANGERS NOW, WHEN I'M DYING.

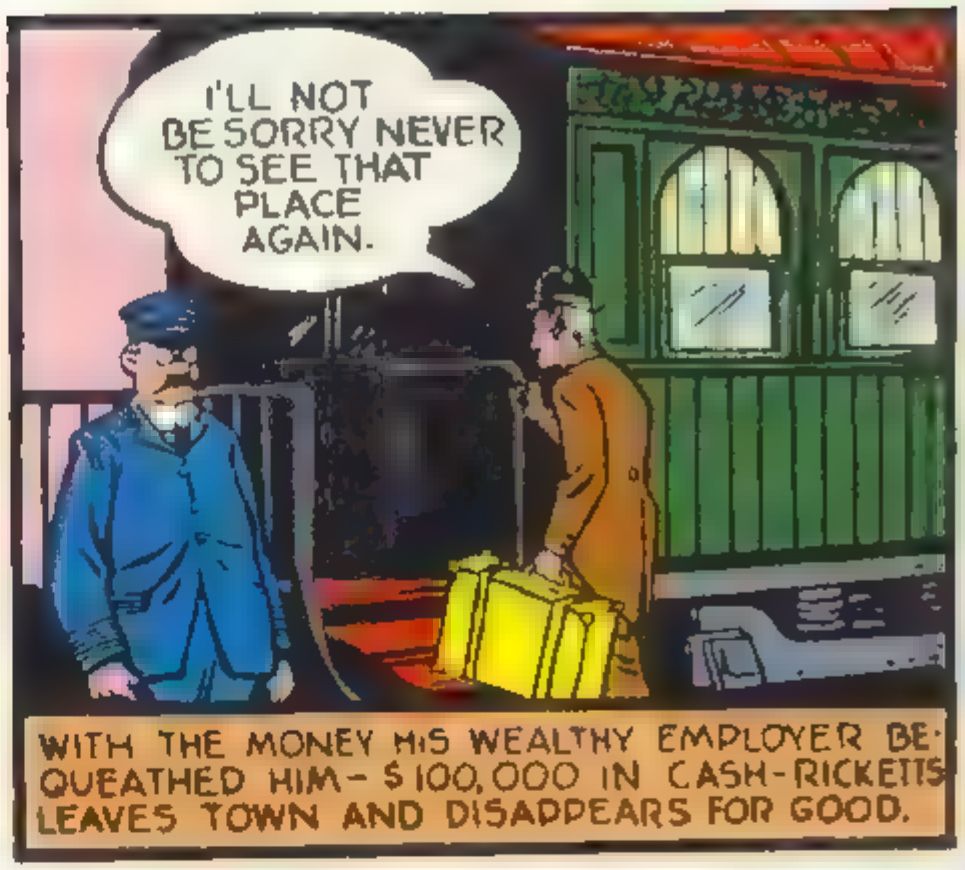
FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY THE GLOOMY OLD HOUSE HAS KNOWN NO OTHER FOOTSTEPS SAVE GROOD'S AND RICKETT'S.

REMEMBER THIS, RICKETTS. IF ANY STRANGER EVER ENTERS THIS HOUSE THE GROOD CURSE WILL FOLLOW HIM TO HIS GRAVE!

WITH HIS LAST BREATH THE AGED RECLUSE UTTERS A DIRE PROPHECY.

NEXT DAY RICKETTS CARRIES THE MORTAL REMAINS OF J. MORTON GROOD TO A HEARSE WHICH CREAKS SLOWLY DOWN THE HILL TO THE MILLIONAIRE'S PRIVATE BURIAL CRYPT.


THE TAXES ARE PAID FOR 50 YEARS IN ADVANCE, MR. GROOD. AND THE LOCAL POLICE SAY THEY'LL ALLOW NO STRANGERS ON THE PLACE.
HEEDING HIS MASTER'S DYING WARNING, THE BUTLER TAKES PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THE GROOD ESTATE - AND HIS DEAD OWNER'S TOMB - FROM INTRUDERS.


I'LL NOT BE SORRY NEVER TO SEE THAT PLACE AGAIN.
WITH THE MONEY HIS WEALTHY EMPLOYER BEQUEATHED HIM - $100,000 IN CASH - RICKETTS LEAVES TOWN AND DISAPPEARS FOR GOOD.

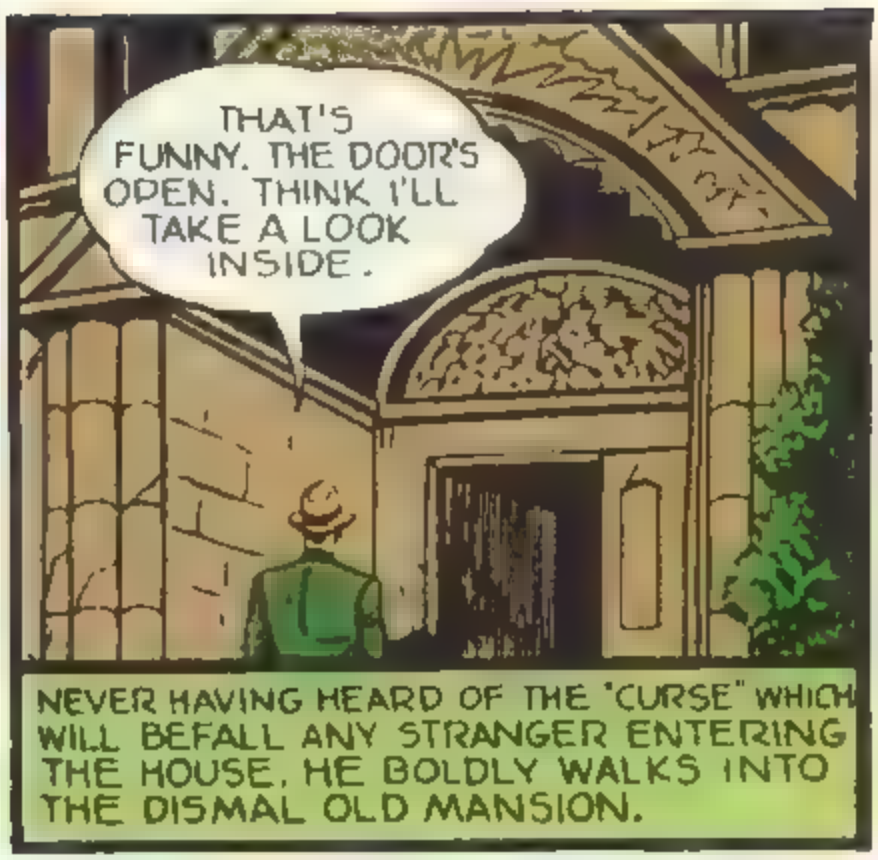
AND FOR 50 YEARS - THE PERIOD FOR WHICH ADVANCE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID - NO ONE SETS FOOT ON THE GROOD ESTATE AND ITS GLOOMY OLD MANSION, DUBBED BY VILLAGERS "THE HAUNTED HOUSE."

TAXES ON THE OLD GROOD PROPERTY ARE OVERDUE AND THERE IS NO ONE TO PAY THEM. SO THE ESTATE NOW BELONGS TO THE VILLAGE.
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL SPENCER BARNES, THE TOWN TREASURER, PROPOSES THAT THE ANCIENT HOUSE BE TORN DOWN AND THE LAND SOLD.

I'LL GO OUT THERE MYSELF TOMORROW AND LOOK OVER THE PROPERTY. WHILE I'M THERE I'LL FIND OUT IF THE HOUSE REALLY IS HAUNTED.

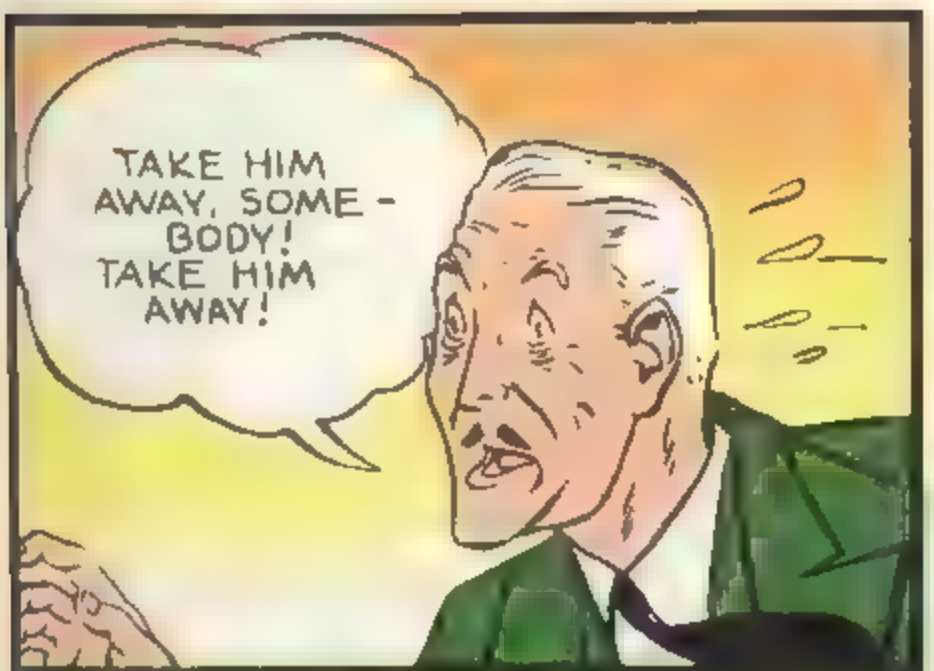
NEXT MORNING YOUNG BARNES GOES ALONE TO THE "HAUNTED HOUSE"

WHAT A GLOOMY LOOKING PLACE! NO WONDER NOBODY HAS COME NEAR IT FOR 50 YEARS.



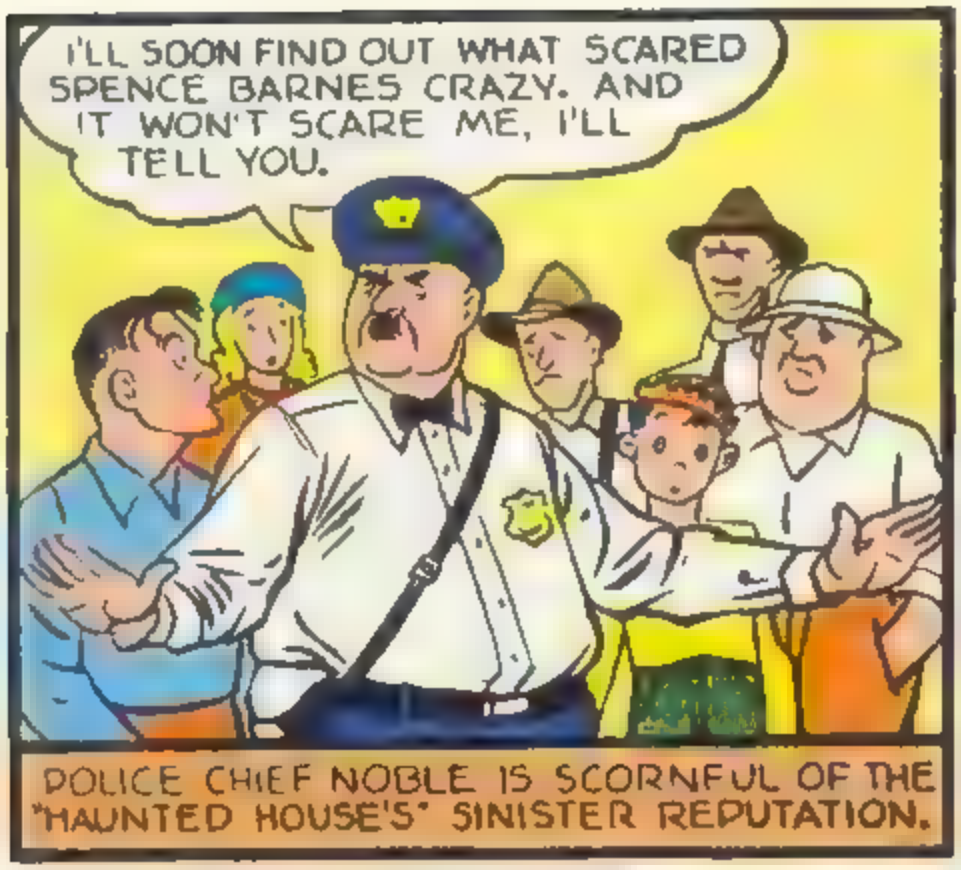
NEVER HAVING HEARD OF THE "CURSE" WHICH WILL BEFALL ANY STRANGER ENTERING THE HOUSE, HE BOLDLY WALKS INTO THE DISMAL OLD MANSION.

A MOMENT LATER HE COMES RUNNING OUT AS THOUGH SATAN HIMSELF WERE PURSUING HIM.

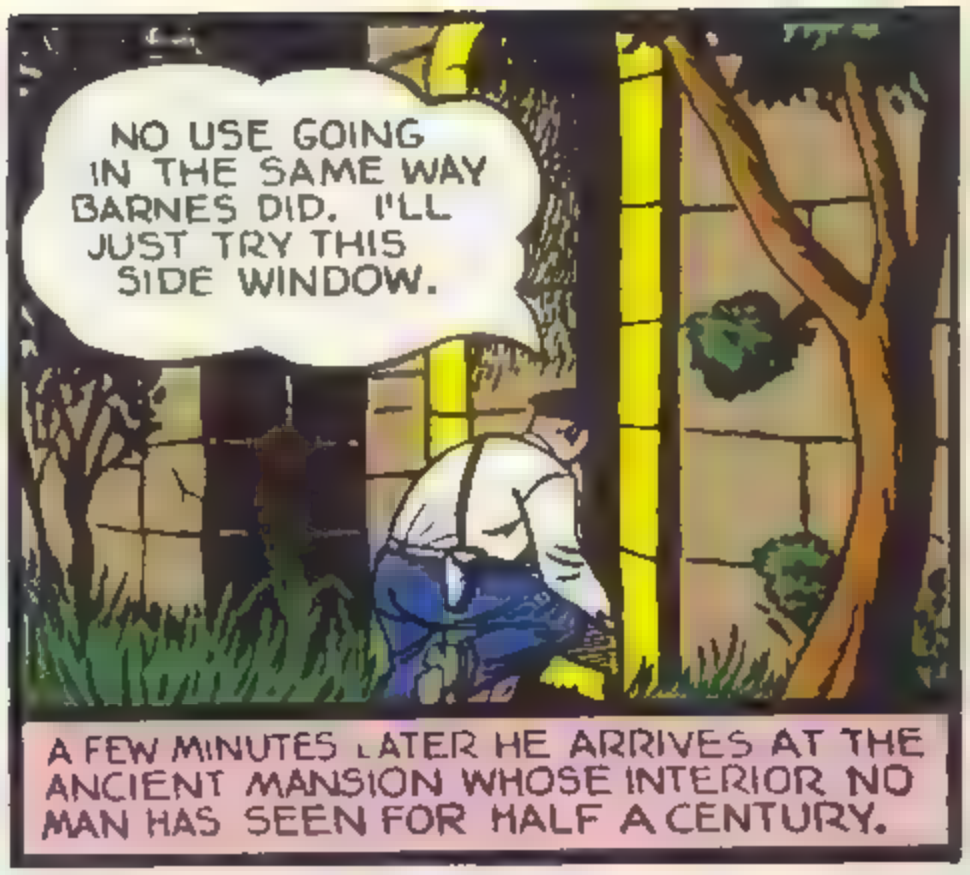


WHAT HE HAS SEEN INSIDE THE GROOD HOUSE HAS TURNED BARNES' HAIR SNOW WHITE, ADDED 30 YEARS TO HIS APPEARANCE AND DRIVEN HIM - INSANE.

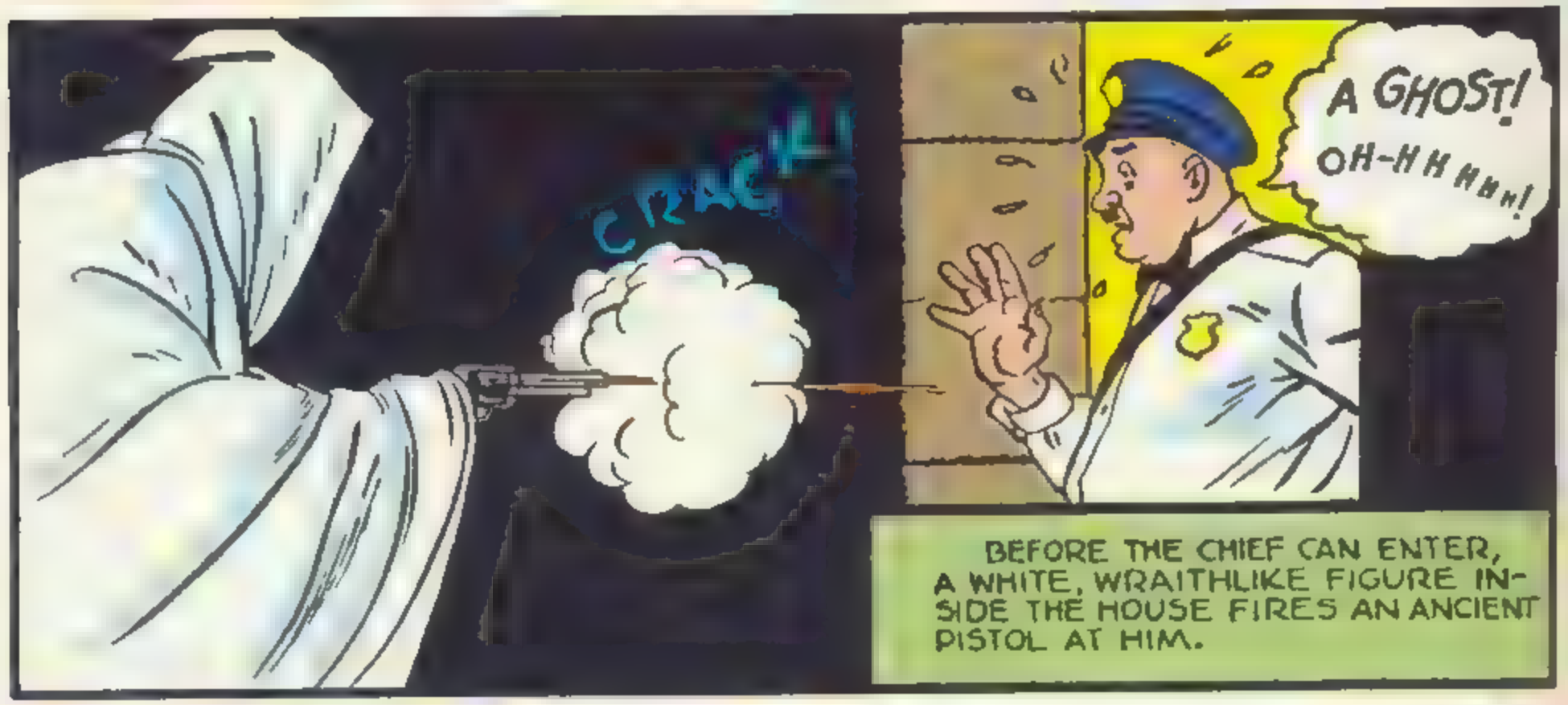
NEWS OF THE TRAGIC INCIDENT TRAVELS QUICKLY, AND A CROWD GATHERS OUTSIDE THE FENCE ENCLOSING THE ESTATE.



POLICE CHIEF NOBLE IS SCORNFUL OF THE "HAUNTED HOUSE'S" SINISTER REPUTATION.



A FEW MINUTES LATER HE ARRIVES AT THE ANCIENT MANSION WHOSE INTERIOR NO MAN HAS SEEN FOR HALF A CENTURY.



BEFORE THE CHIEF CAN ENTER, A WHITE, WRAITHLIKE FIGURE INSIDE THE HOUSE FIRES AN ANCIENT PISTOL AT HIM.

HEARING THE SHOT, TWO VILLAGERS TREMBLINGLY RESCUE THE POLICE CHIEF, WHO IS WOUNDED BUT STILL ALIVE.

NOT MANY HOURS LATER, BILLY BATSON, AMERICA'S ACE RADIO REPORTER, IS ORDERED TO INVESTIGATE THE STRANGE GOINGS-ON AT THE OLD GROOD MANSION.

ARRIVING IN THE VILLAGE THAT EVENING HE INTERVIEWS THE POLICE CHIEF WHO WAS, LUCKILY, ONLY WOUNDED IN THE SHOULDER.

YOU SAY A GHOST SHOT YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT, SONNY. I'M TELLIN' YA, THAT HOUSE IS HAUNTED. STAY AWAY FROM IT.

IT DOES LOOK SPOOKY. BUT I'M HERE TO GET A STORY - SO, COME ON, FEET.

IGNORING THE CHIEF'S WARNING BILLY GOES AT ONCE TO THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

THAT'S FUNNY. JUST LIKE SOMEBODY PUSHED IT!

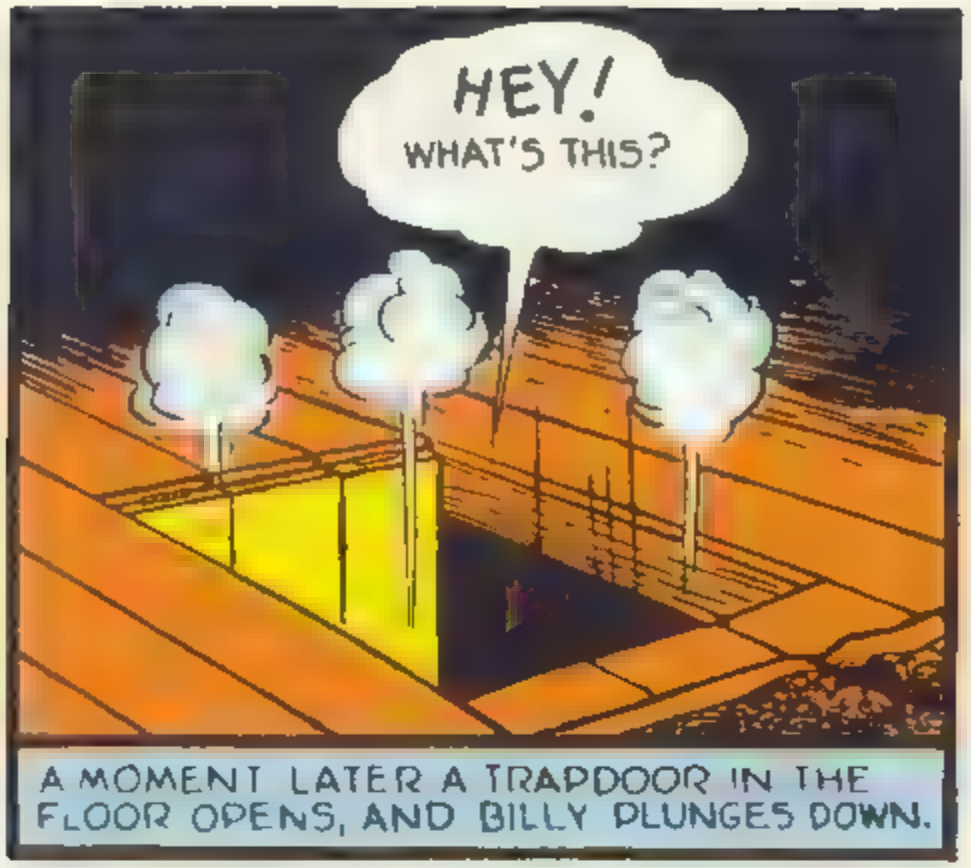
BANG!

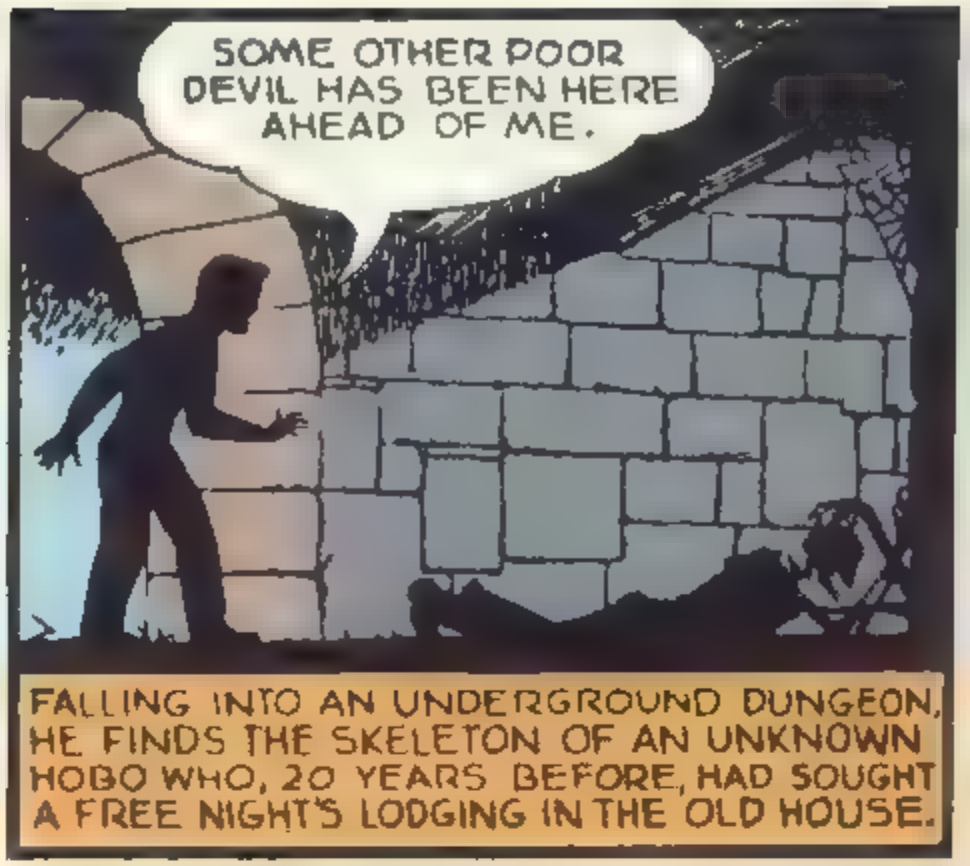
AS HE ENTERS THE GLOOMY OLD MANSION THE DOOR SUDDENLY SLAMS SHUT BEHIND HIM.

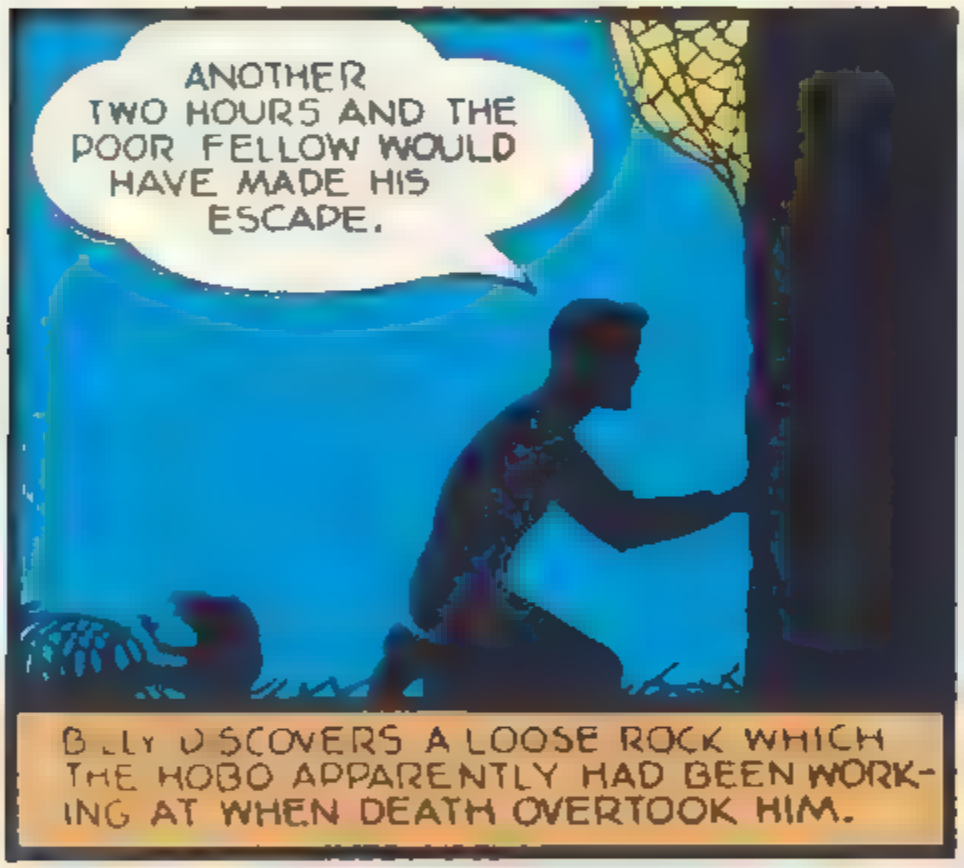
I WARNED STRANGERS TO KEEP OUT OF MY HOUSE! YOU SHALL SUFFER FOR YOUR RASHNESS!

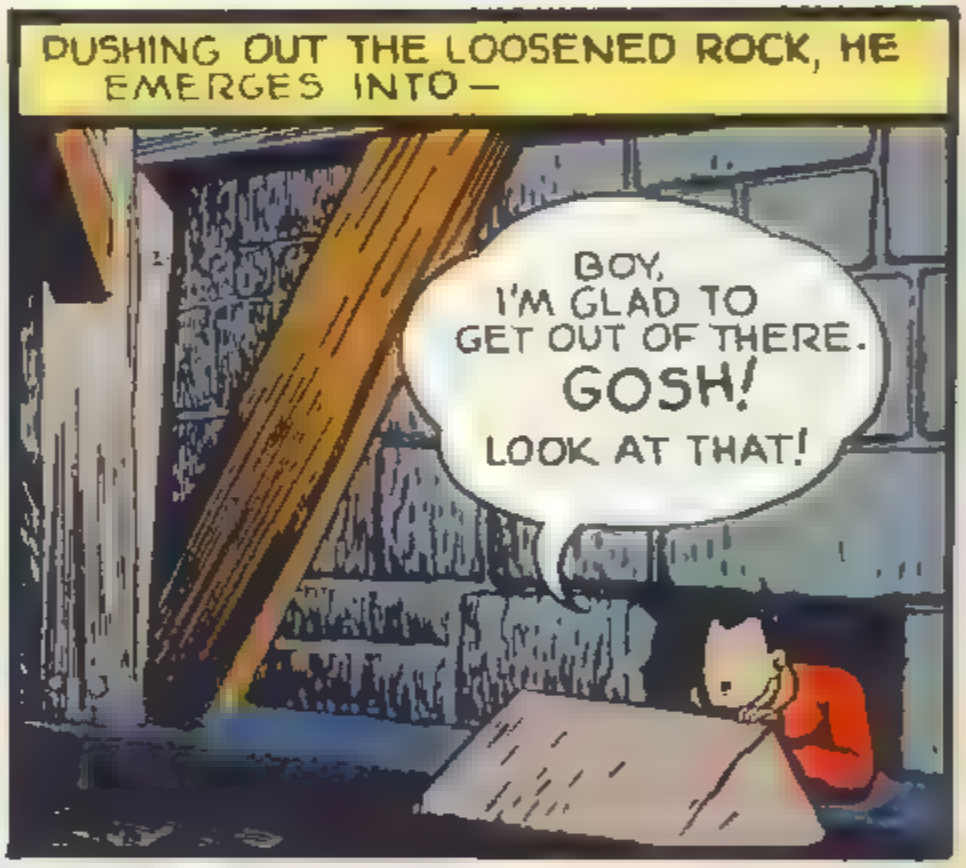
AND THE FIGURE OF J. MORTON GROOD SPEAKS TO HIM!

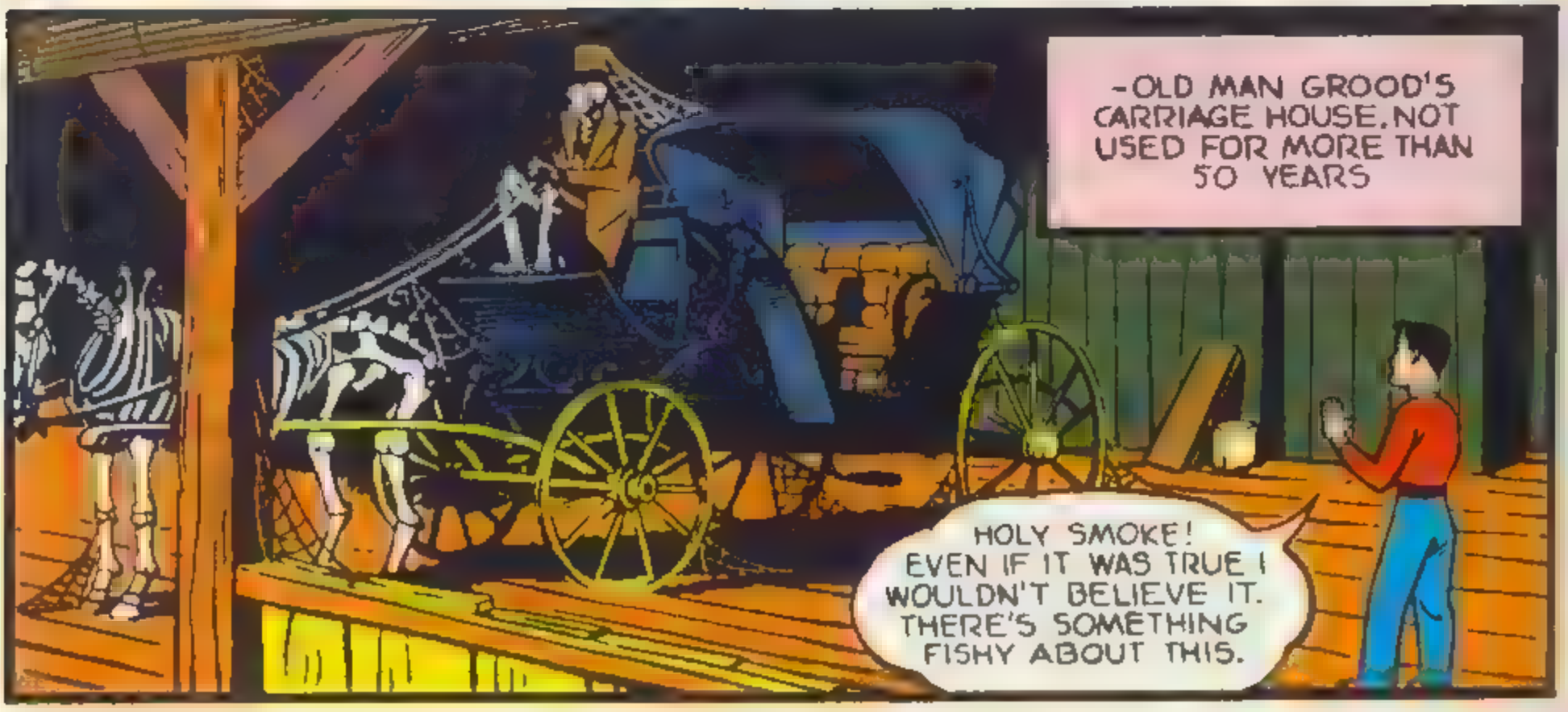
THAT - THAT'S OLD MAN GROOD! BUT IT CAN'T BE! GROOD'S BEEN DEAD FOR 50 YEARS!


HEY! WHAT'S THIS?
A MOMENT LATER A TRAPDOOR IN THE FLOOR OPENS, AND BILLY PLUNGES DOWN.

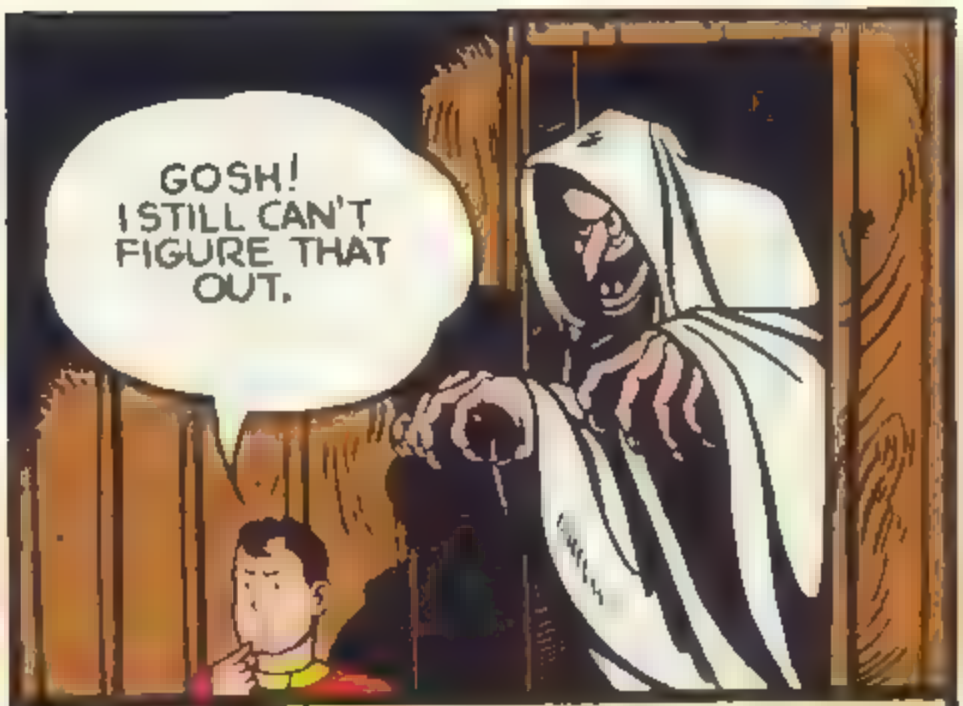

SOME OTHER POOR DEVIL HAS BEEN HERE AHEAD OF ME.
FALLING INTO AN UNDERGROUND DUNGEON, HE FINDS THE SKELETON OF AN UNKNOWN HOBO WHO, 20 YEARS BEFORE, HAD SOUGHT A FREE NIGHT'S LODGING IN THE OLD HOUSE.


ANOTHER TWO HOURS AND THE POOR FELLOW WOULD HAVE MADE HIS ESCAPE.
BILLY DISCOVERS A LOOSE ROCK WHICH THE HOBO APPARENTLY HAD BEEN WORKING AT WHEN DEATH OVERTOOK HIM.

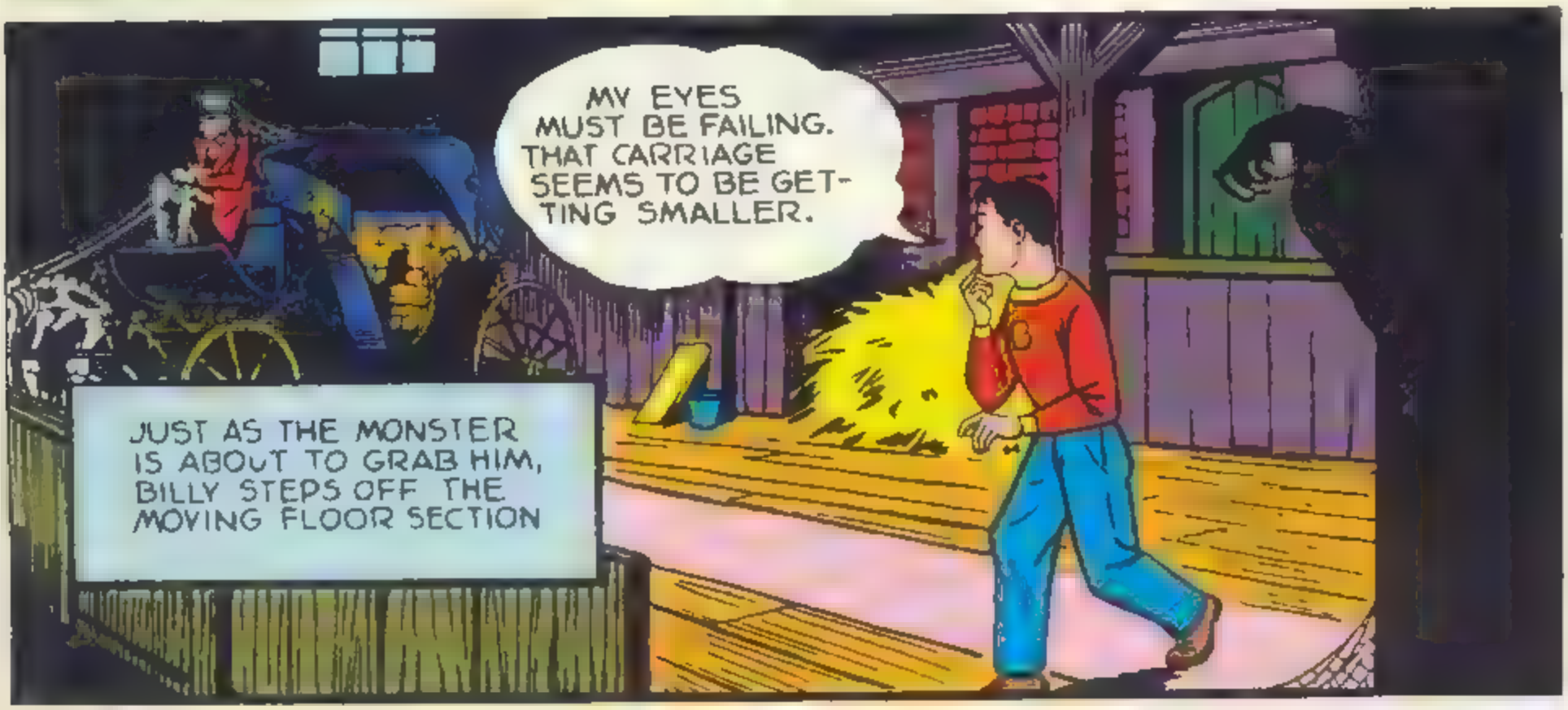

PUSHING OUT THE LOOSENED ROCK, HE EMERGES INTO—
BOY, I'M GLAD TO GET OUT OF THERE. GOSH! LOOK AT THAT!


—OLD MAN GROOD'S CARRIAGE HOUSE. NOT USED FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS
HOLY SMOKE! EVEN IF IT WAS TRUE I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT. THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THIS.

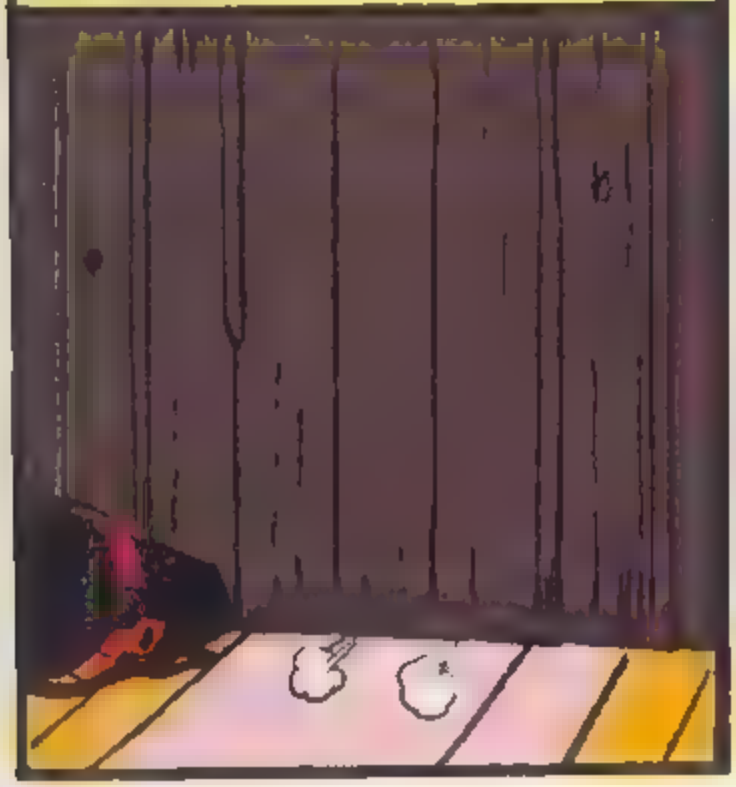
UNKNOWN TO BILLY HE IS STANDING ON A SLIDING SECTION OF FLOOR WHICH CARRIES HIM SLOWLY AND SILENTLY TOWARD —

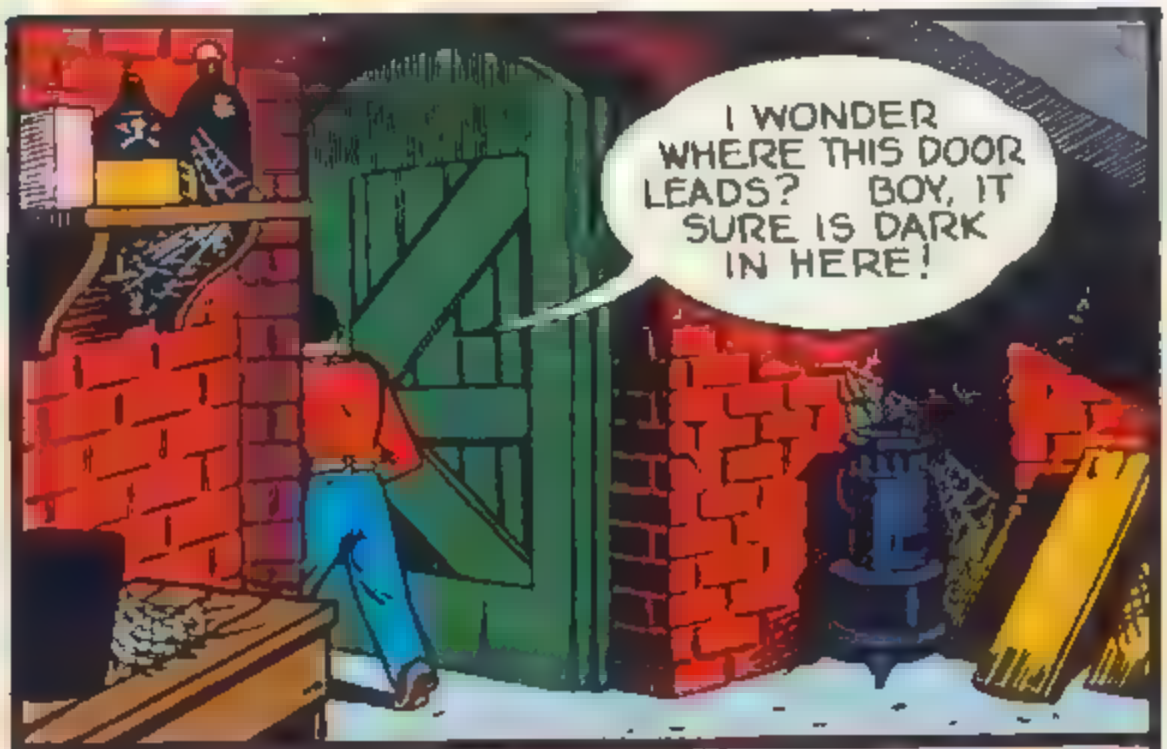


— A SINISTER FIGURE WHICH WAITS, CRUEL CLAWS EXTENDED GREEDILY, INSIDE A PANEL OPENING IN THE WALL.

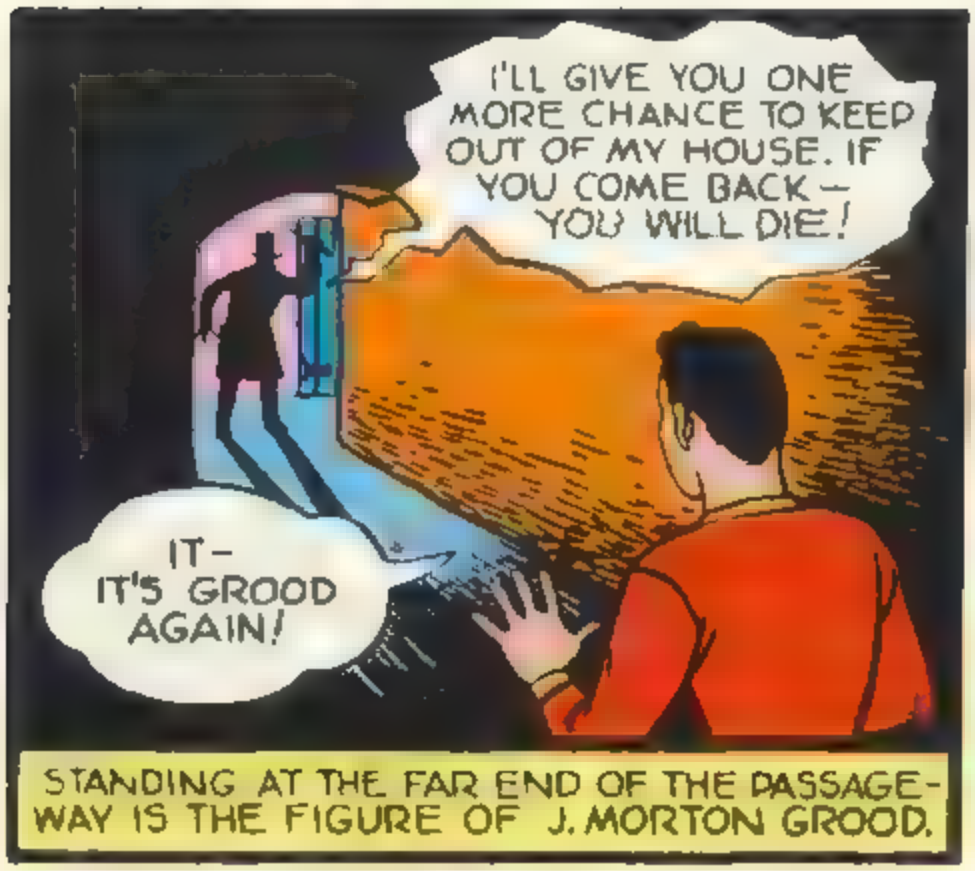


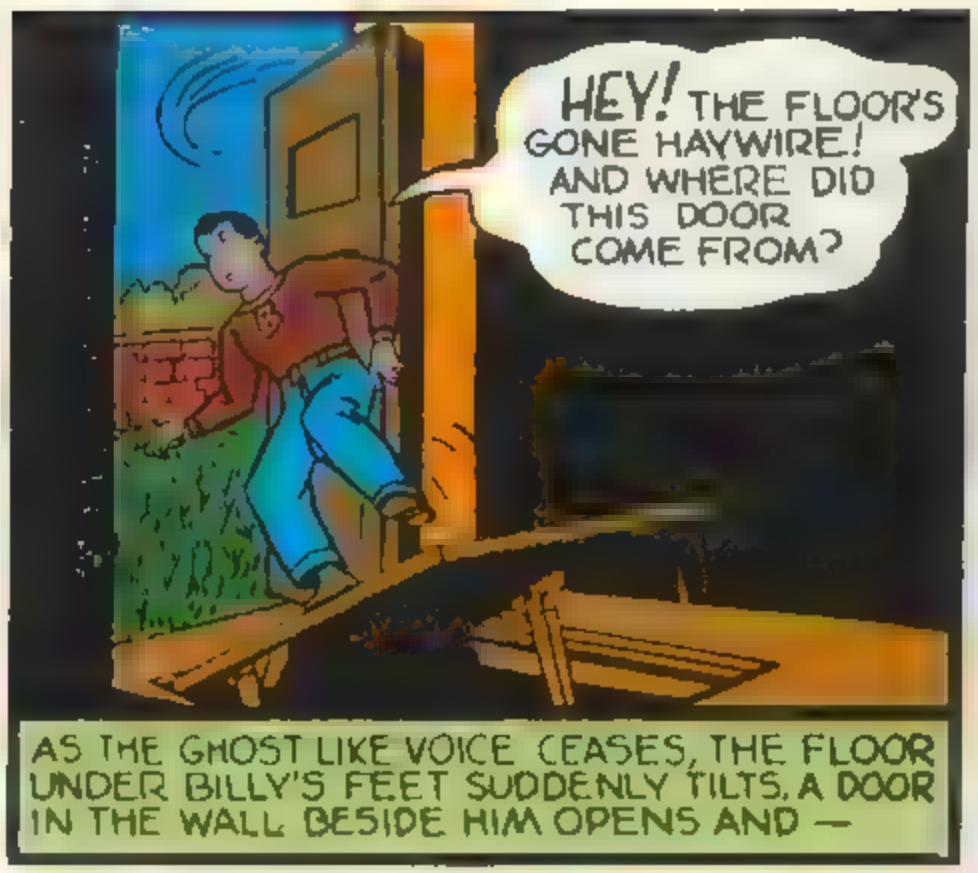
AND THE WALL PANEL NOISELESSLY CLOSES

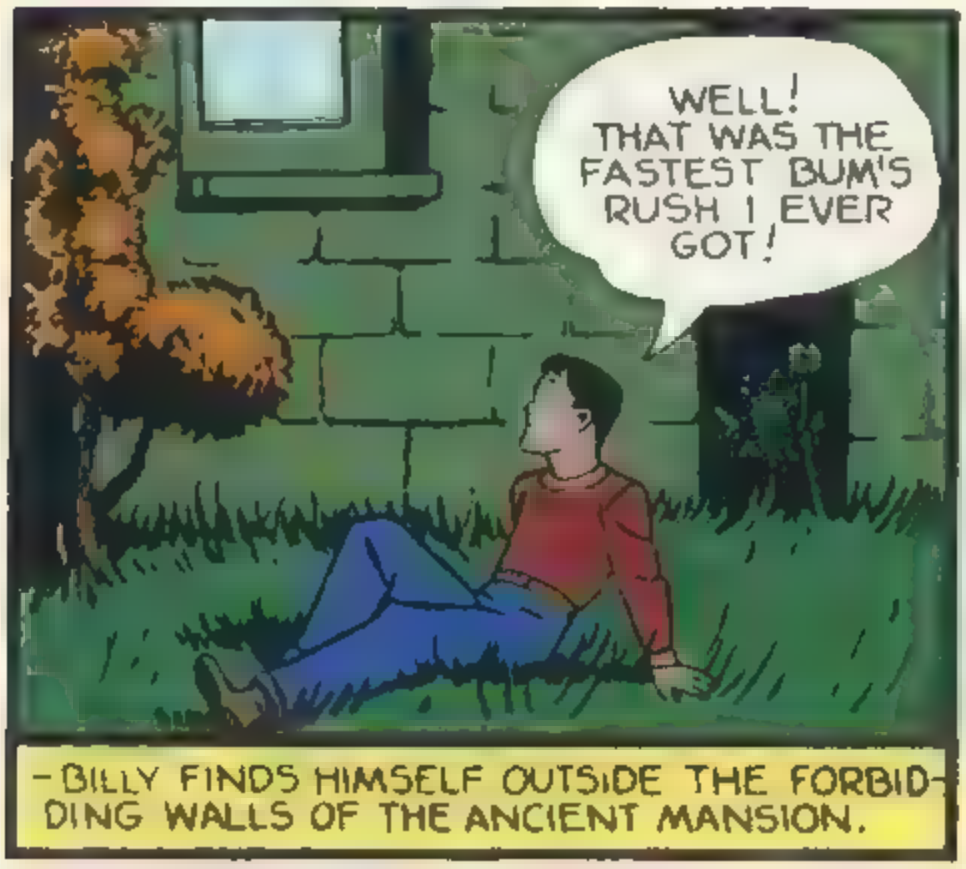


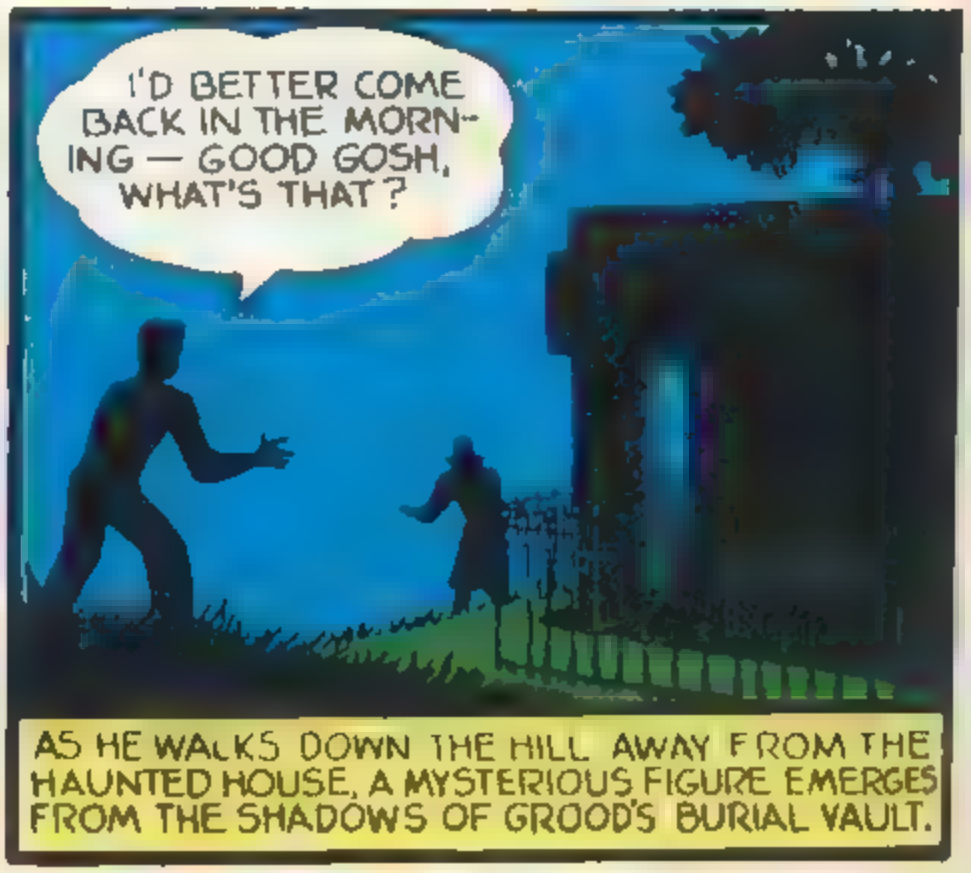


DETERMINED TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE HAUNTED HOUSE, BILLY ENTERS A GLOOMY UNDERGROUND PASSAGEWAY.

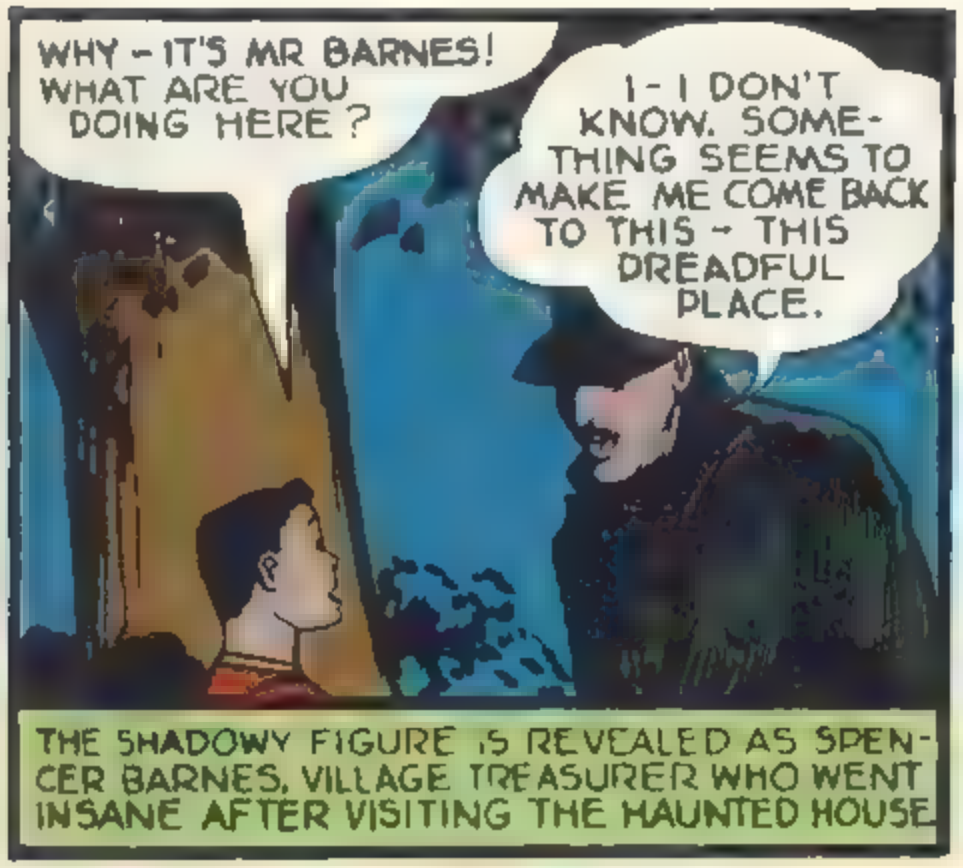

I'LL GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE TO KEEP OUT OF MY HOUSE. IF YOU COME BACK — YOU WILL DIE!
IT— IT'S GROOD AGAIN!
STANDING AT THE FAR END OF THE PASSAGE-WAY IS THE FIGURE OF J. MORTON GROOD.


HEY! THE FLOOR'S GONE HAYWIRE! AND WHERE DID THIS DOOR COME FROM?
AS THE GHOST LIKE VOICE CEASES, THE FLOOR UNDER BILLY'S FEET SUDDENLY TILTS. A DOOR IN THE WALL BESIDE HIM OPENS AND —


WELL! THAT WAS THE FASTEST BUM'S RUSH I EVER GOT!
—BILLY FINDS HIMSELF OUTSIDE THE FORBID-DING WALLS OF THE ANCIENT MANSION.

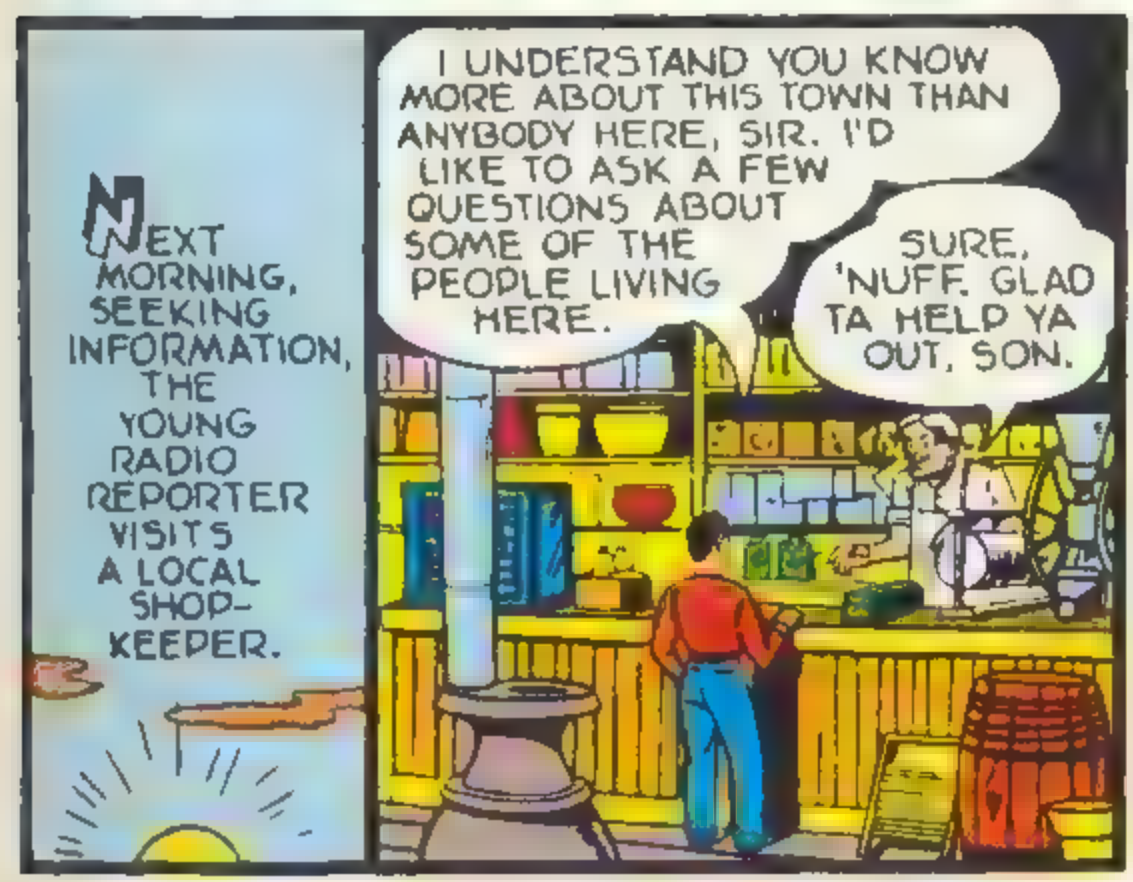

I'D BETTER COME BACK IN THE MORN-ING — GOOD GOSH, WHAT'S THAT?
AS HE WALKS DOWN THE HILL AWAY FROM THE HAUNTED HOUSE, A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE EMERGES FROM THE SHADOWS OF GROOD'S BURIAL VAULT.

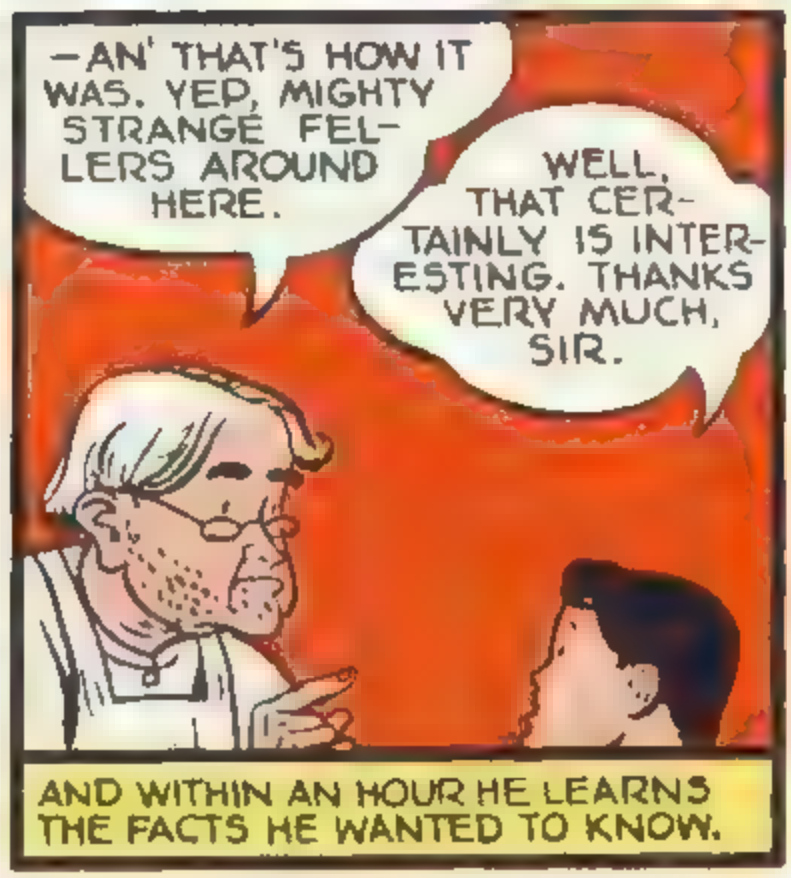
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! WHO ARE YOU?
HEART POUNDING, BILLY HASTENS TO OVERTAKE THE STRANGER.

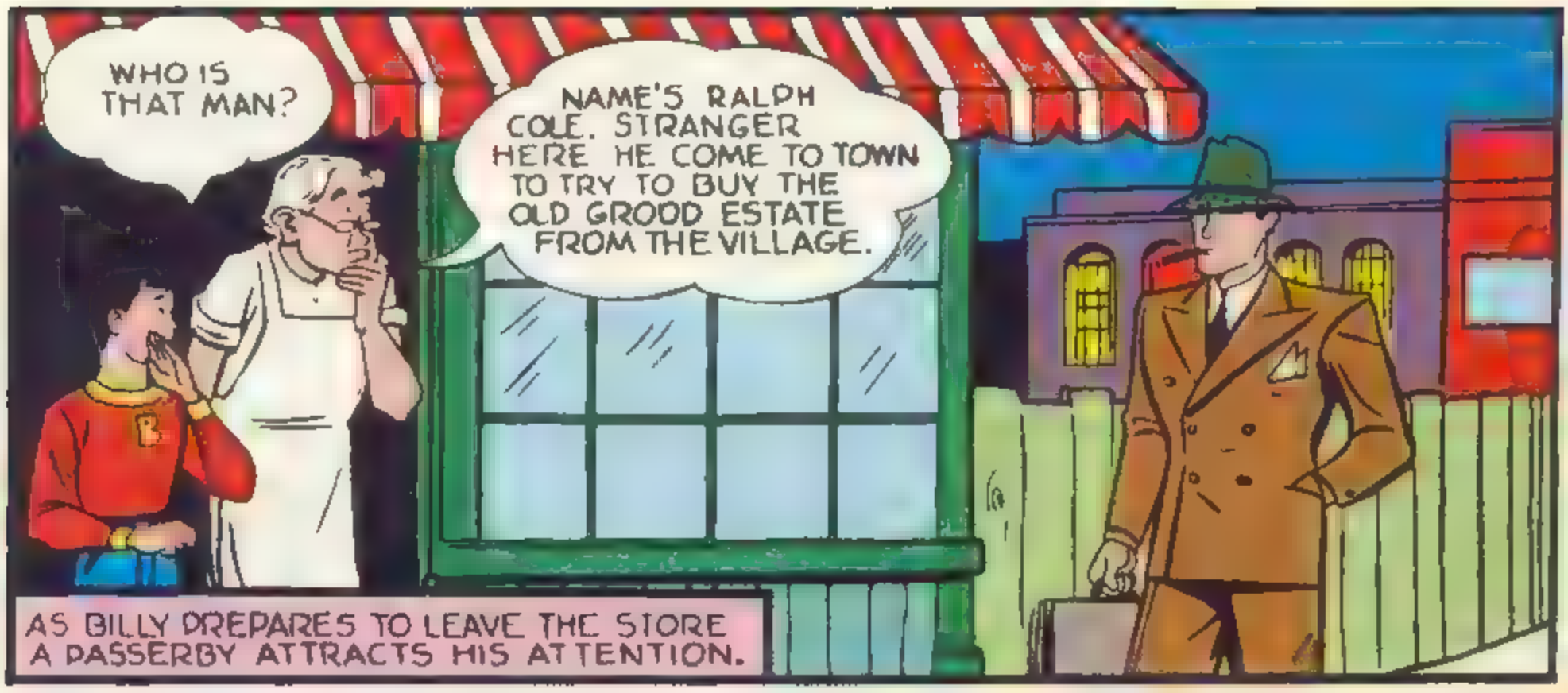

WHY - IT'S MR BARNES! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I - I DON'T KNOW. SOMETHING SEEMS TO MAKE ME COME BACK TO THIS - THIS DREADFUL PLACE.
THE SHADOWY FIGURE IS REVEALED AS SPENCER BARNES, VILLAGE TREASURER WHO WENT INSANE AFTER VISITING THE HAUNTED HOUSE

KEEP - KEEP AWAY FROM THAT HOUSE, SON. THEY - THEY'LL GET YOU, TOO, LIKE THEY GOT ME.

YOU'D BETTER GO TO BED, MR. BARNES. IT'S LATE.
THANK YOU, SON. AND REMEMBER - REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU.
BILLY ESCORTS THE DISTRACTED MAN TO HIS OWN HOME WHERE BARNES REPEATS HIS WARNING TO AVOID THE EVIL, HAUNTED HOUSE WHICH COST THE VILLAGE TREASURER HIS SANITY.

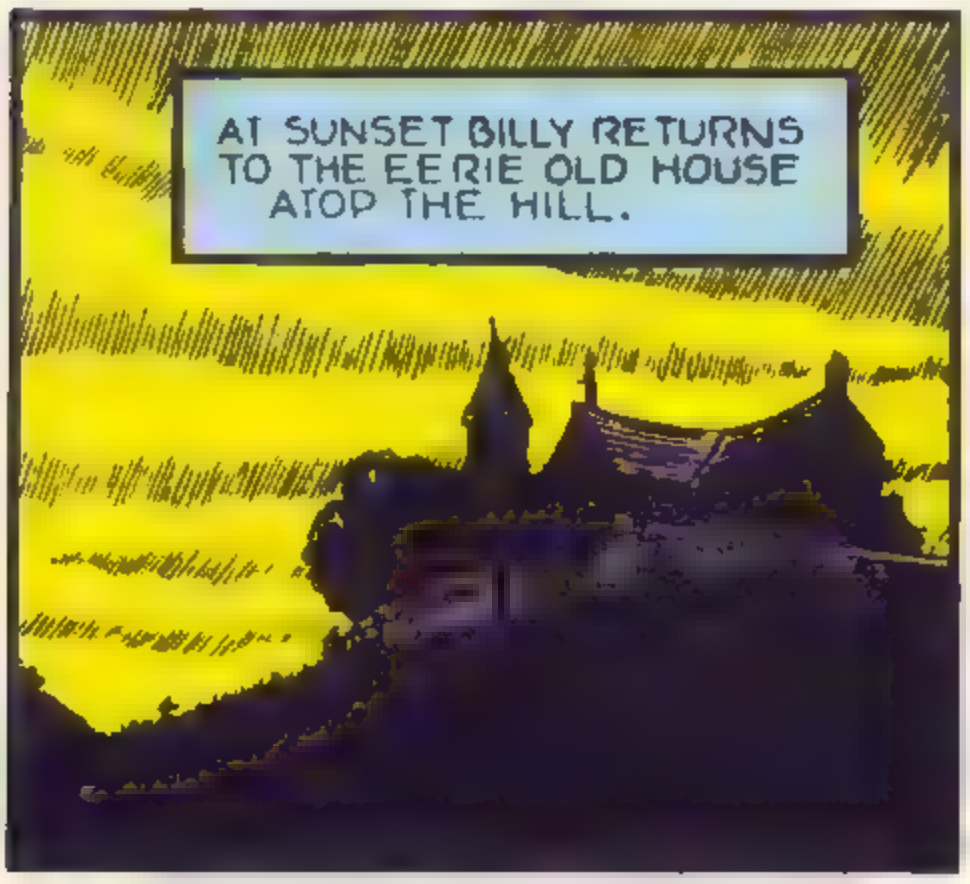

NEXT MORNING, SEEKING INFORMATION, THE YOUNG RADIO REPORTER VISITS A LOCAL SHOPKEEPER.
I UNDERSTAND YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS TOWN THAN ANYBODY HERE, SIR. I'D LIKE TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE.
SURE, 'NUFF. GLAD TA HELP YA OUT, SON.

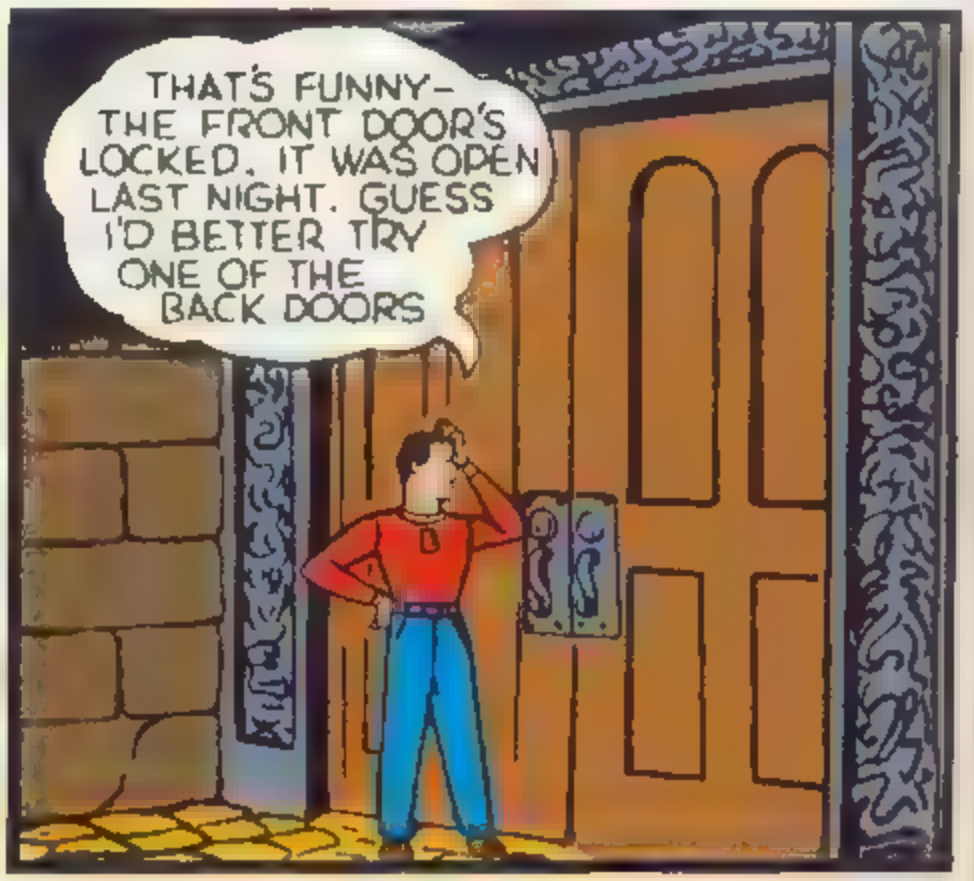

-AN' THAT'S HOW IT WAS. YEP, MIGHTY STRANGE FELLERS AROUND HERE.
WELL, THAT CERTAINLY IS INTERESTING. THANKS VERY MUCH, SIR.
AND WITHIN AN HOUR HE LEARNS THE FACTS HE WANTED TO KNOW.


WHO IS THAT MAN?
NAME'S RALPH COLE. STRANGER HERE HE COME TO TOWN TO TRY TO BUY THE OLD GROOD ESTATE FROM THE VILLAGE.
AS BILLY PREPARES TO LEAVE THE STORE A PASSERBY ATTRACTS HIS ATTENTION.

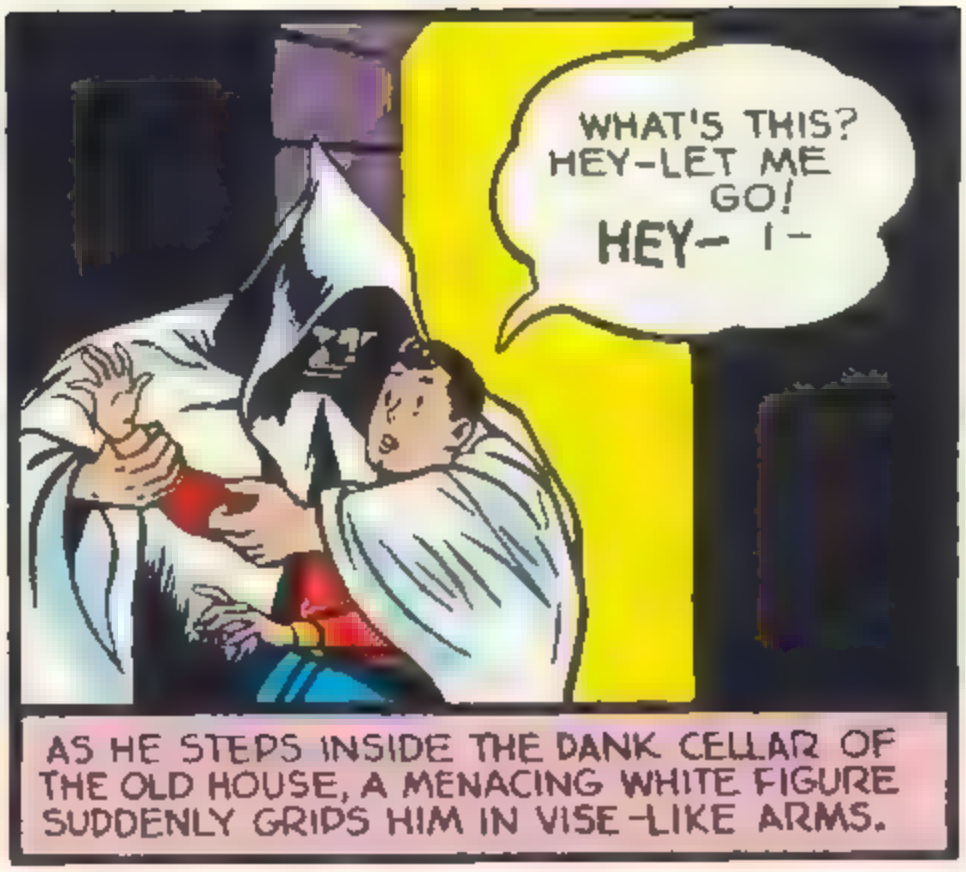
OFFERED THEM $50,000 FOR A HAUNTED HOUSE THAT NOBODY WANTS AND THEY WON'T TAKE IT. BAH!
THE STRANGER, RALPH COLE, HAS JUST BEEN IN CONFERENCE WITH THE VILLAGE AUTHORITIES.

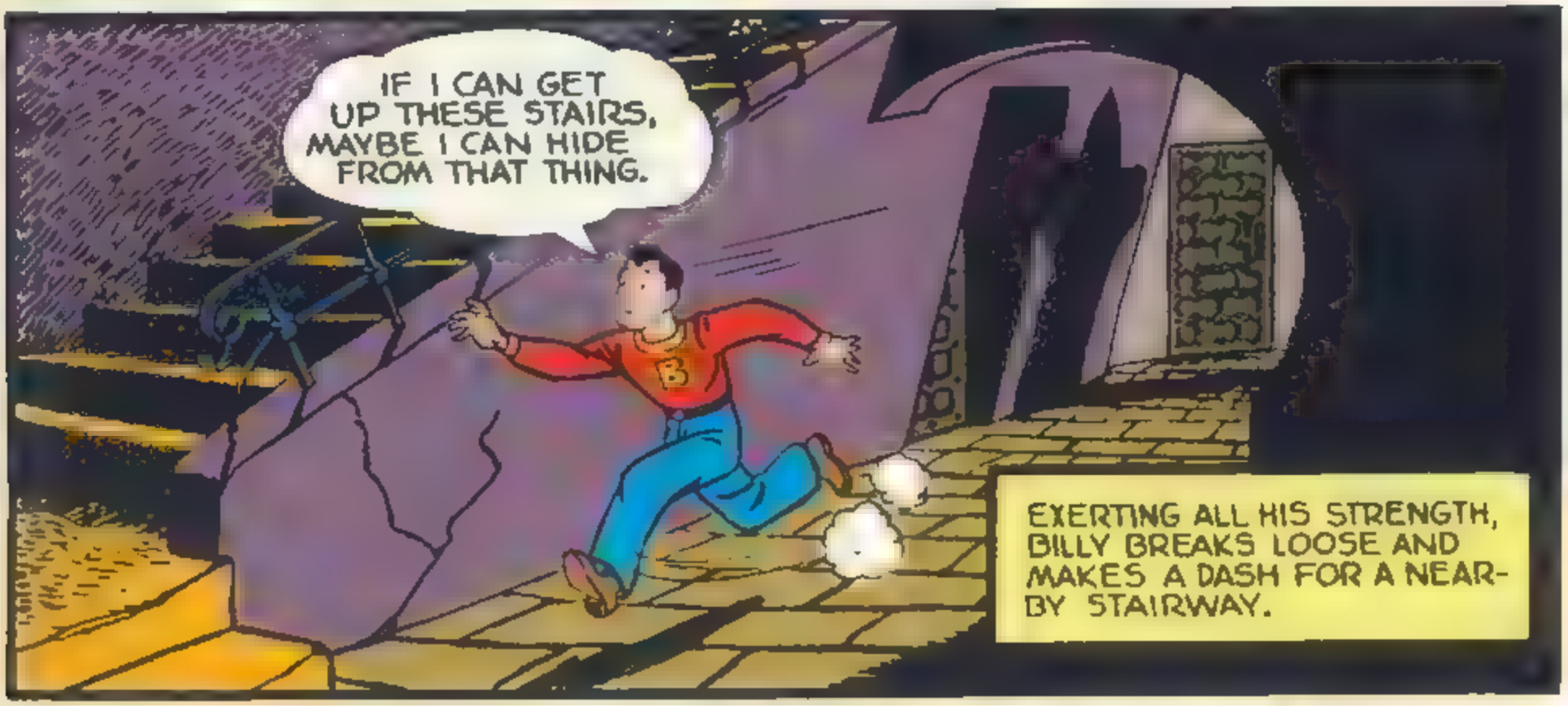
RALPH COLE, EH? I'LL REMEMBER THAT NAME – AND THAT FACE.

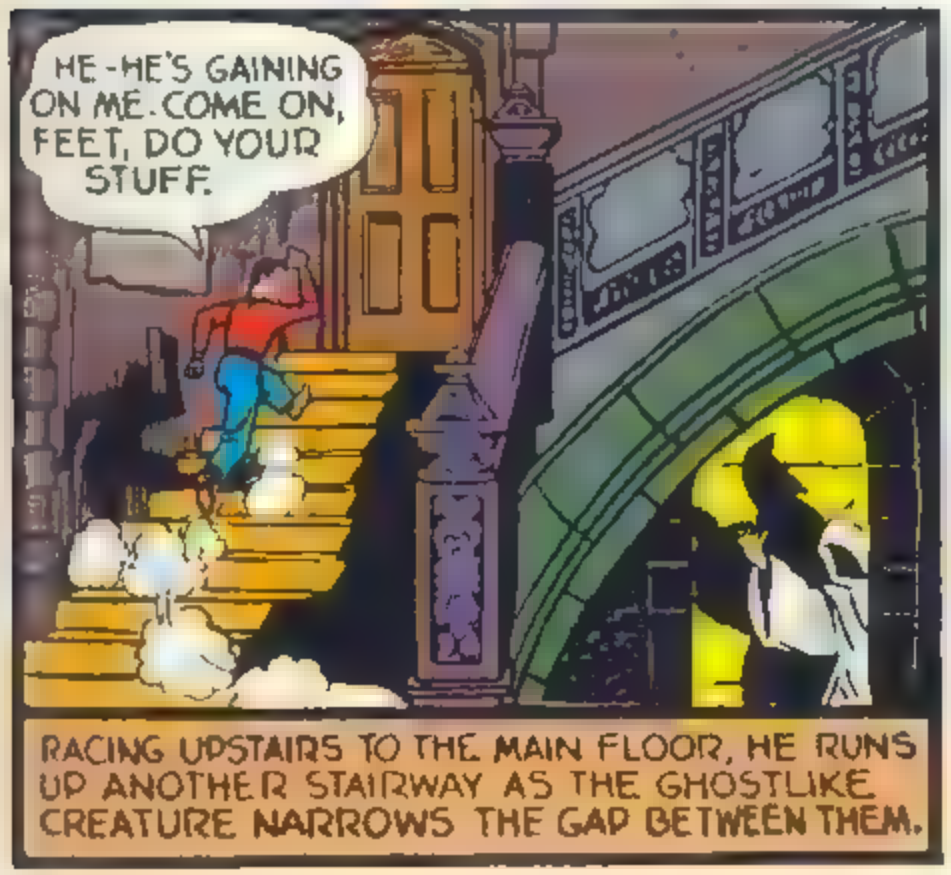

AT SUNSET BILLY RETURNS TO THE EERIE OLD HOUSE ATOP THE HILL.

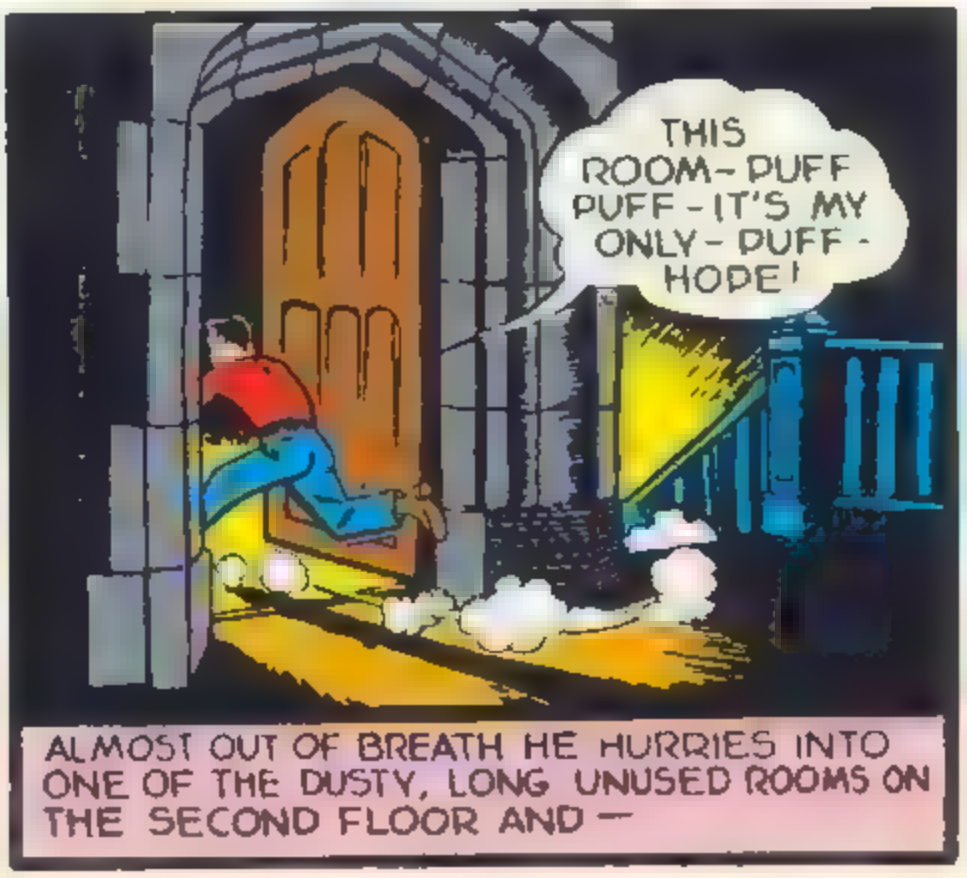

THAT'S FUNNY– THE FRONT DOOR'S LOCKED. IT WAS OPEN LAST NIGHT. GUESS I'D BETTER TRY ONE OF THE BACK DOORS

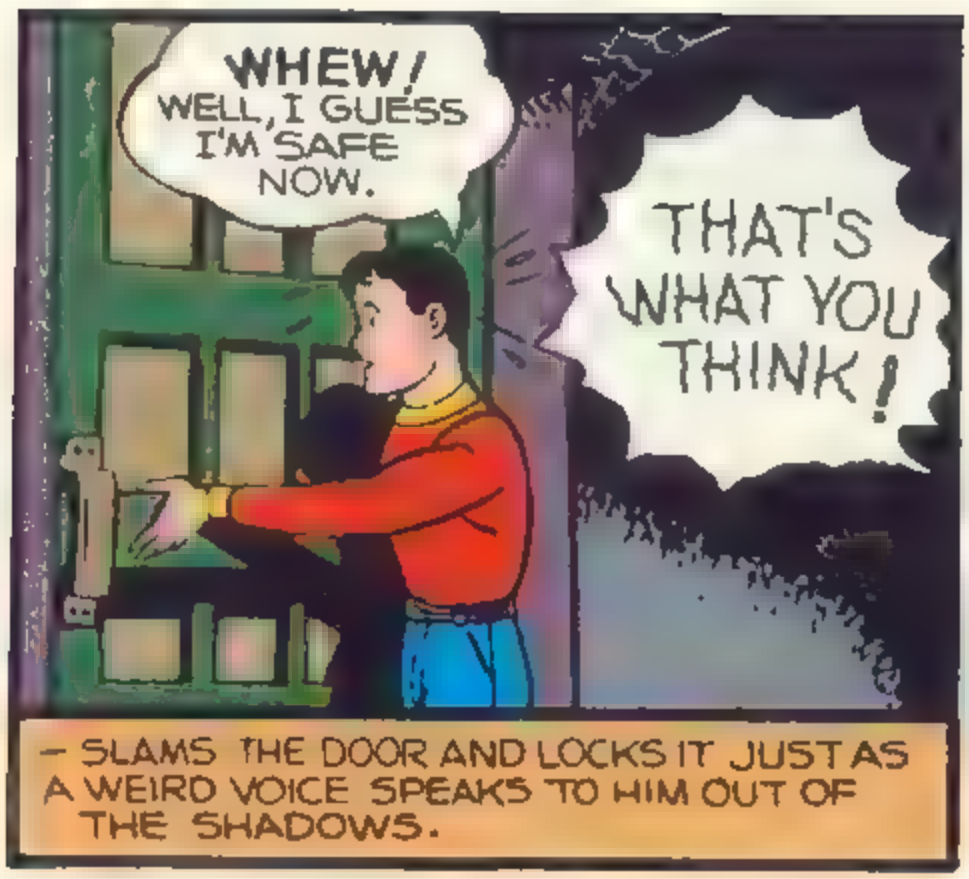
WHAT LUCK! THE CELLAR DOOR WAS OPEN.
BUT LITTLE DOES HE REALIZE THAT THE DOOR HAS BEEN LEFT UNLOCKED DELIBERATELY.

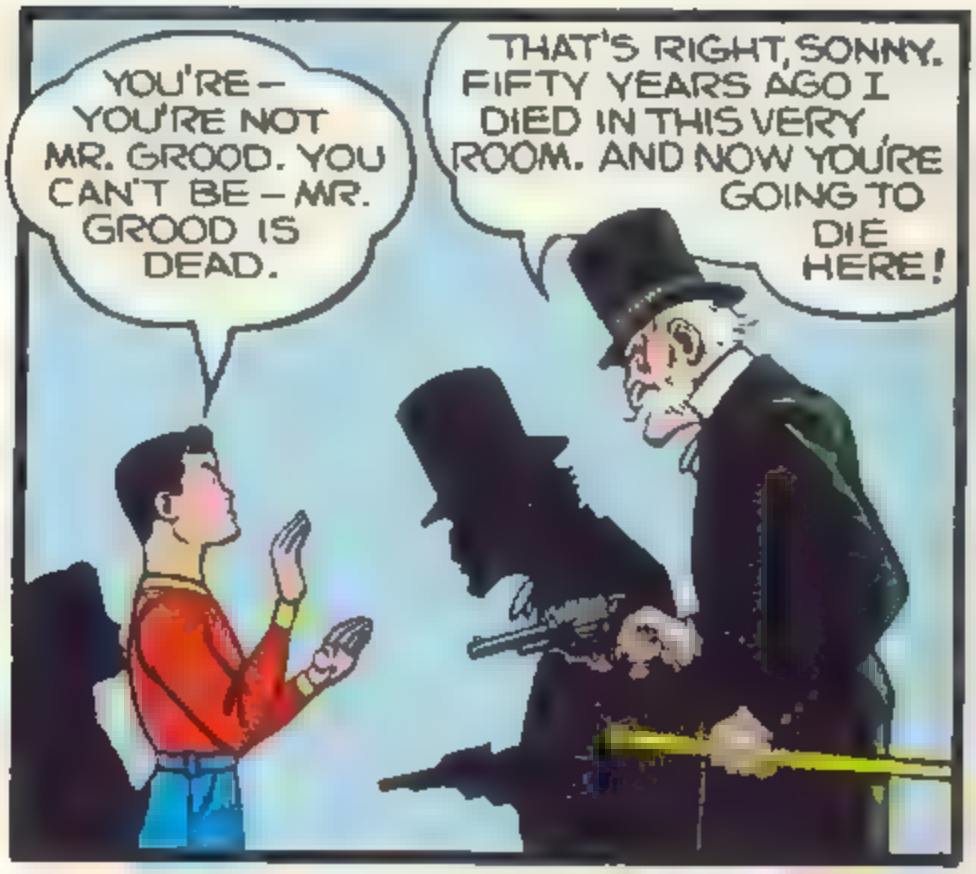

WHAT'S THIS? HEY-LET ME GO! HEY- I-
AS HE STEPS INSIDE THE DANK CELLAR OF THE OLD HOUSE, A MENACING WHITE FIGURE SUDDENLY GRIPS HIM IN VISE-LIKE ARMS.

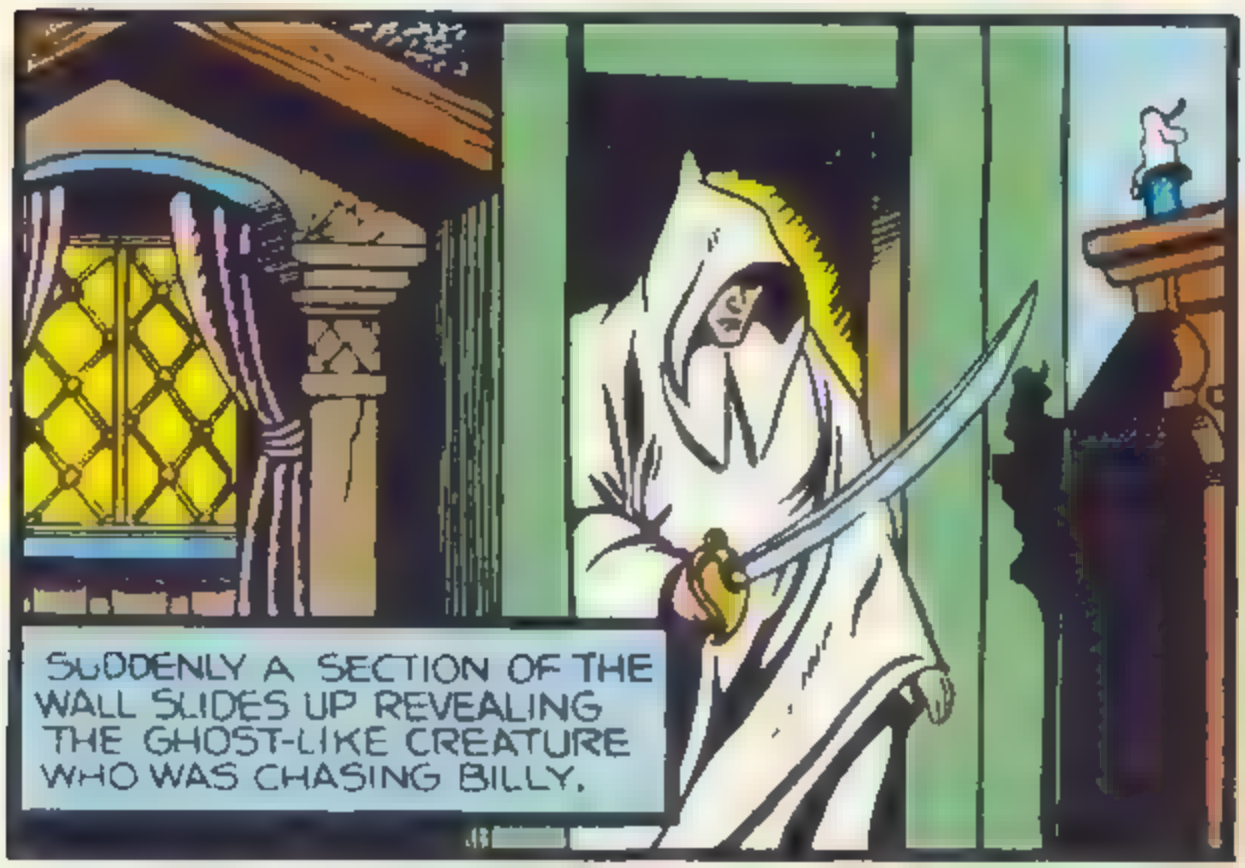

IF I CAN GET UP THESE STAIRS, MAYBE I CAN HIDE FROM THAT THING.
EXERTING ALL HIS STRENGTH, BILLY BREAKS LOOSE AND MAKES A DASH FOR A NEAR-BY STAIRWAY.

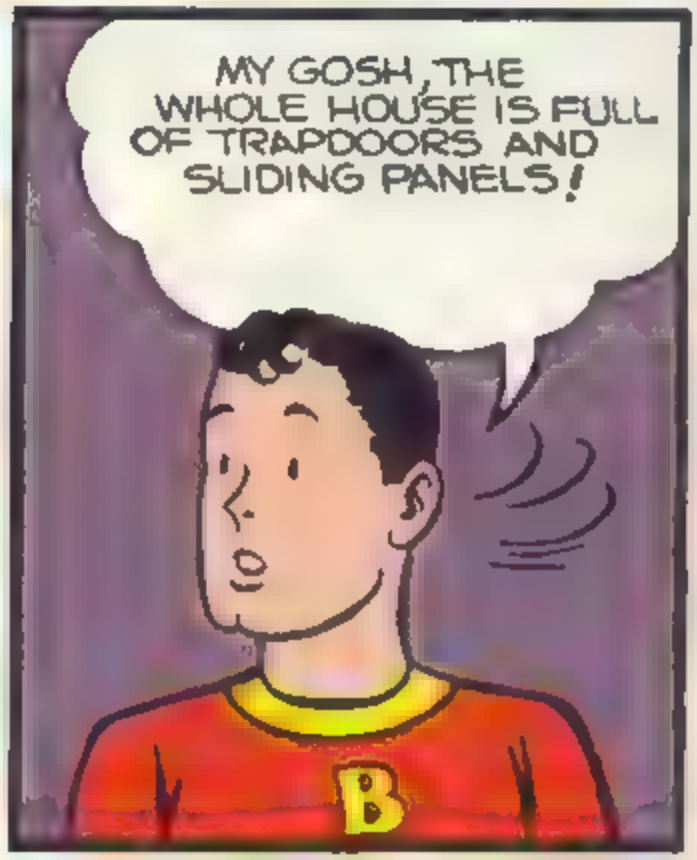

HE-HE'S GAINING ON ME. COME ON, FEET, DO YOUR STUFF.
RACING UPSTAIRS TO THE MAIN FLOOR, HE RUNS UP ANOTHER STAIRWAY AS THE GHOSTLIKE CREATURE NARROWS THE GAP BETWEEN THEM.


THIS ROOM- PUFF PUFF - IT'S MY ONLY - PUFF - HOPE!
ALMOST OUT OF BREATH HE HURRIES INTO ONE OF THE DUSTY, LONG UNUSED ROOMS ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND —


WHEW! WELL, I GUESS I'M SAFE NOW.
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!
– SLAMS THE DOOR AND LOCKS IT JUST AS A WEIRD VOICE SPEAKS TO HIM OUT OF THE SHADOWS.


YOU'RE – YOU'RE NOT MR. GROOD. YOU CAN'T BE – MR. GROOD IS DEAD.
THAT'S RIGHT, SONNY. FIFTY YEARS AGO I DIED IN THIS VERY ROOM. AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO DIE HERE!


SUDDENLY A SECTION OF THE WALL SLIDES UP REVEALING THE GHOST-LIKE CREATURE WHO WAS CHASING BILLY.


MY GOSH, THE WHOLE HOUSE IS FULL OF TRAPDOORS AND SLIDING PANELS!
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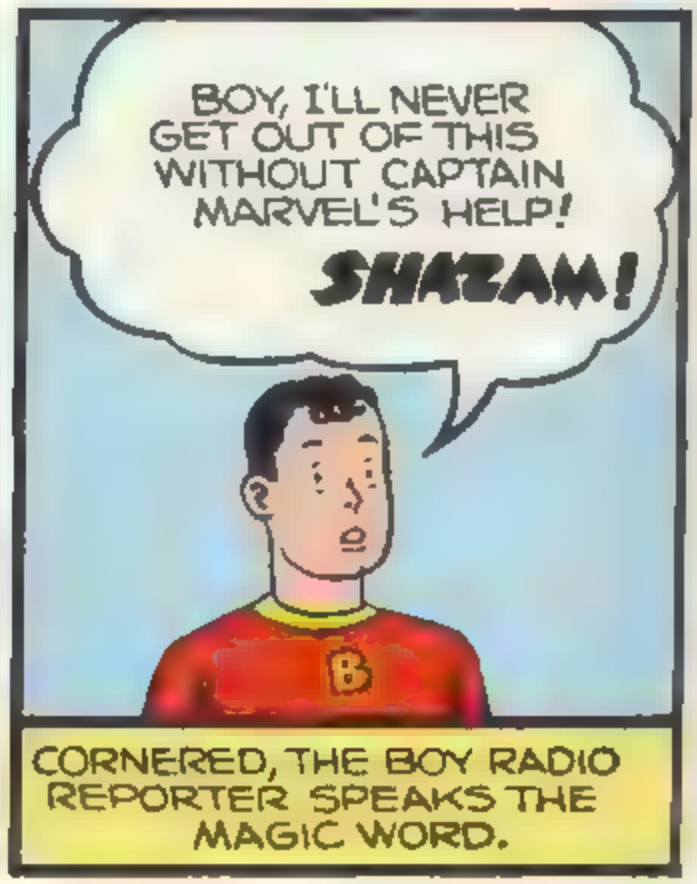
SPIRIT OF THE PSYCHIC WORLD – HELP ME DESTROY THIS INSOLENT CHILD!


BOY, I'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS WITHOUT CAPTAIN MARVEL'S HELP!
SHAZAM!
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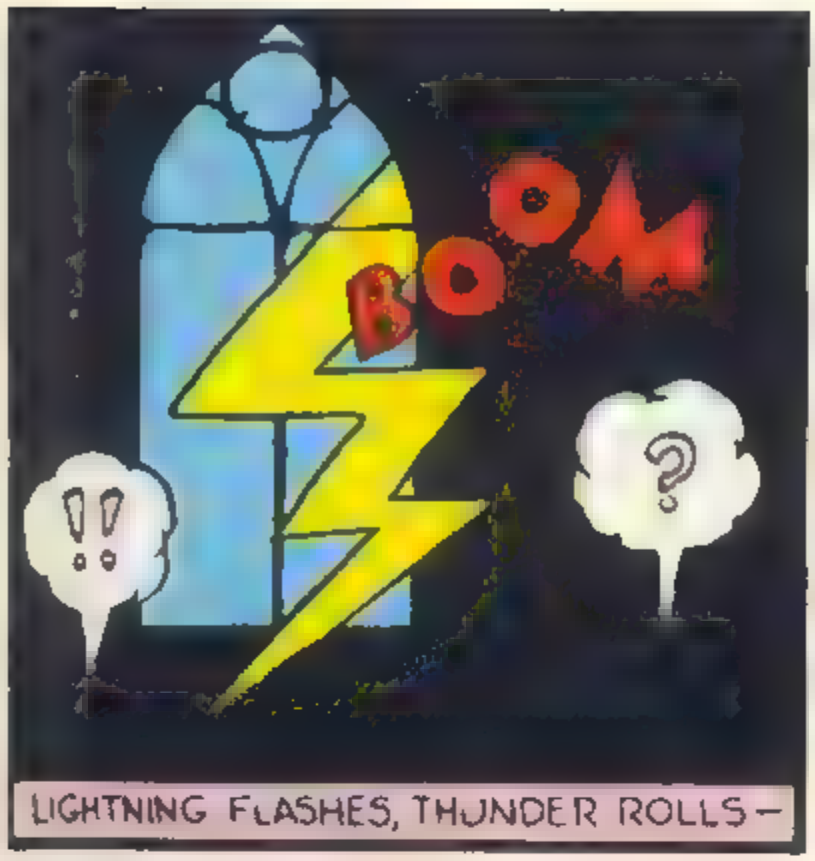
CORNERED, THE BOY RADIO REPORTER SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD.


BOOM
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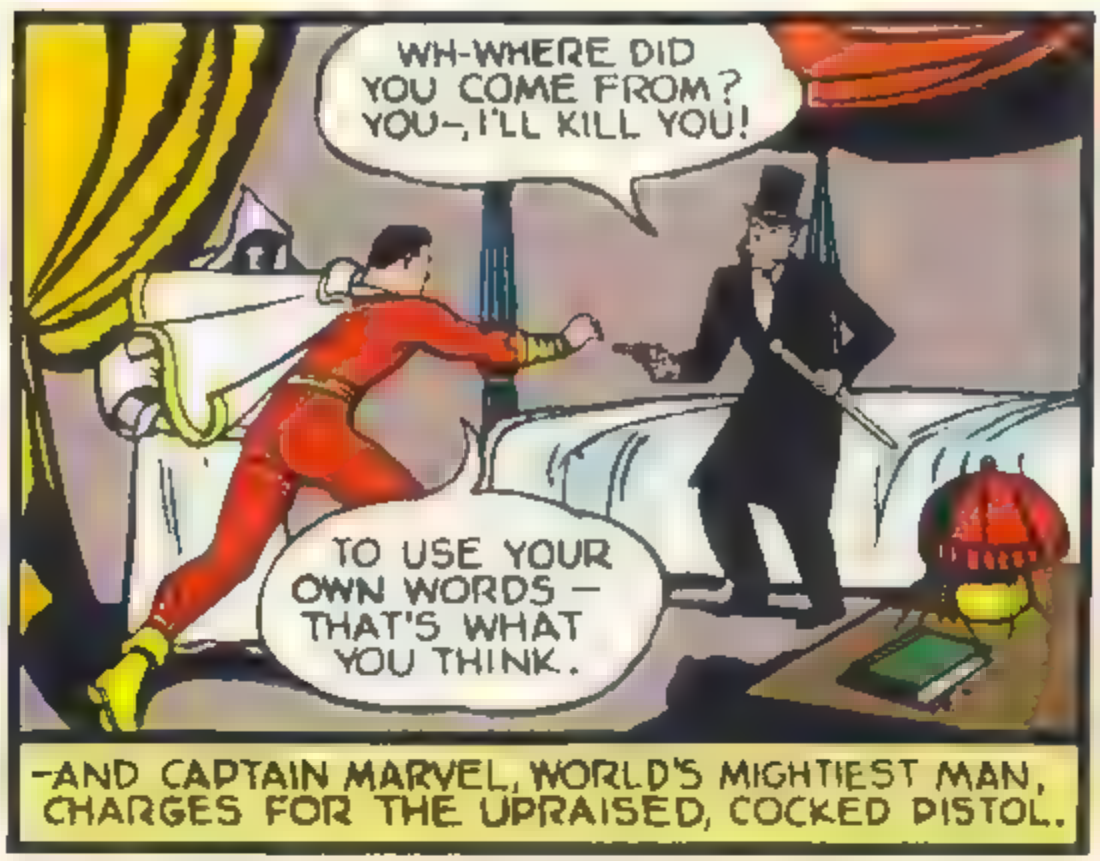
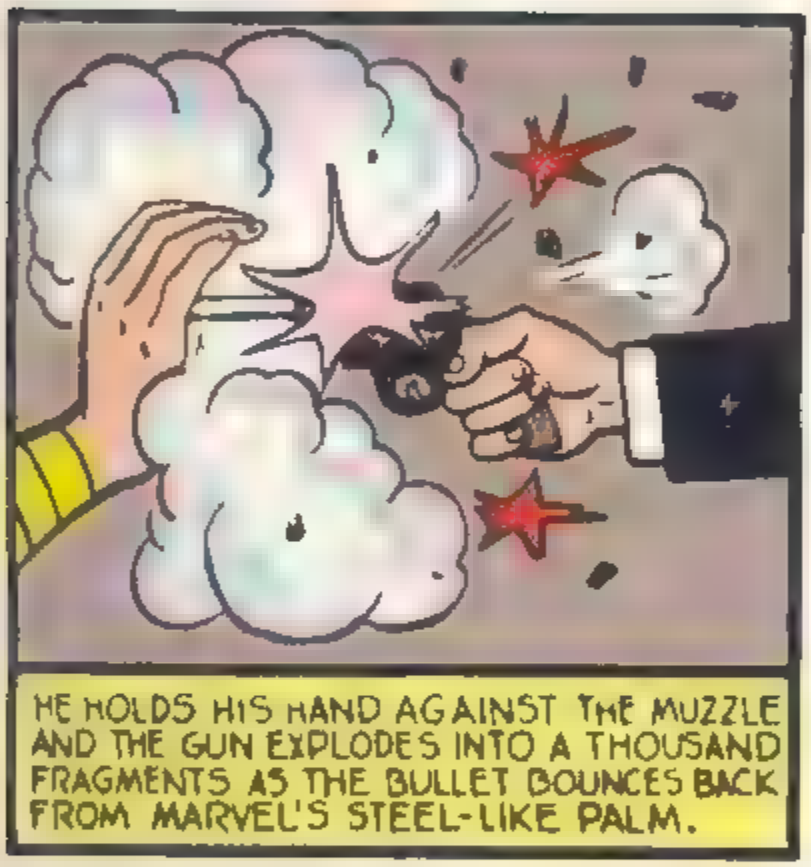
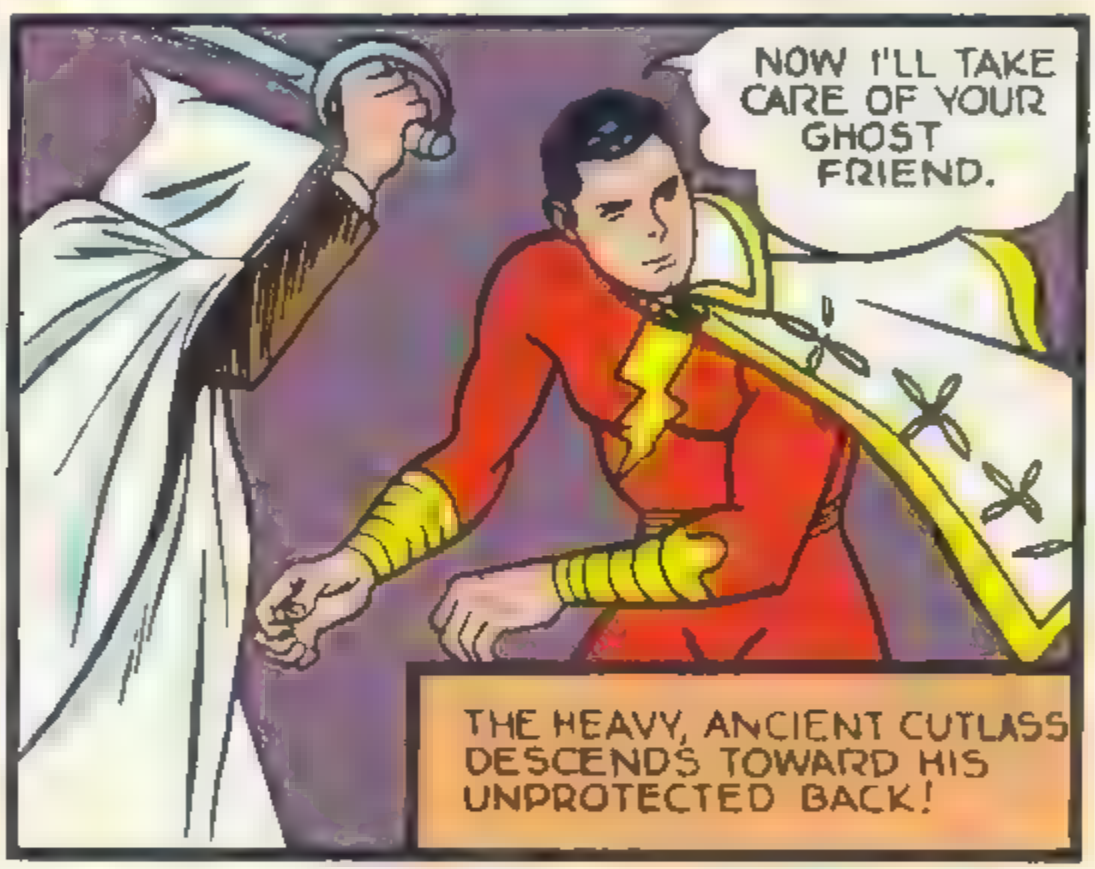
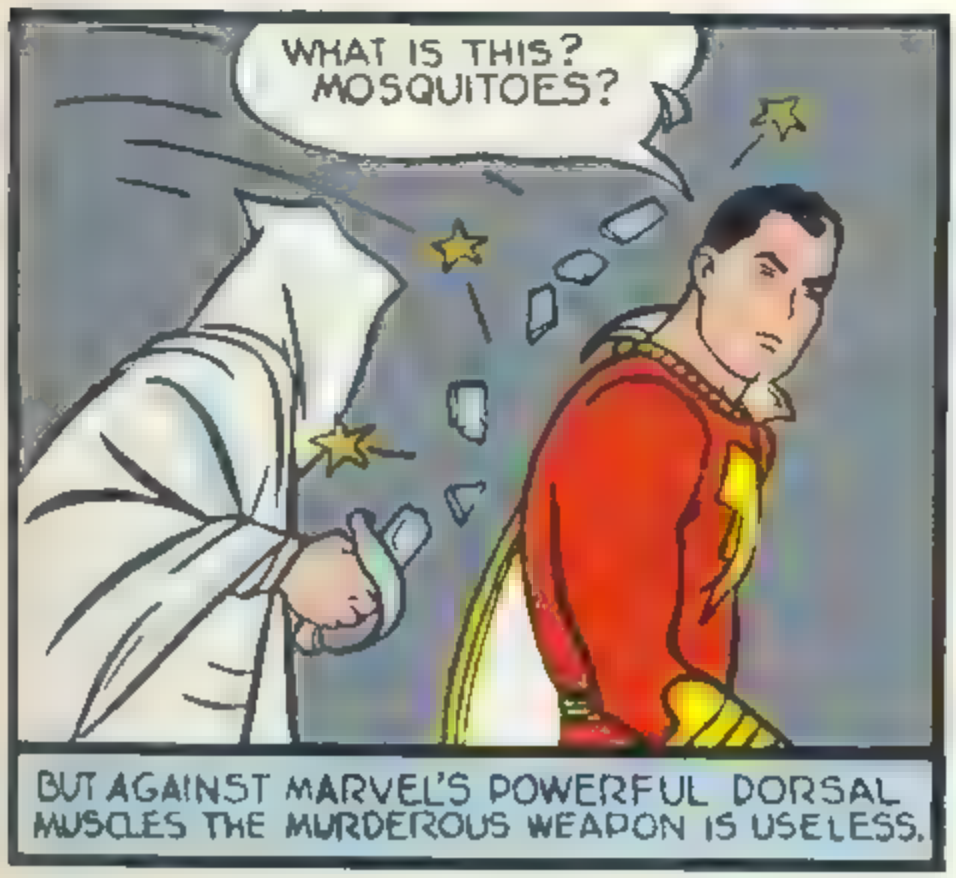
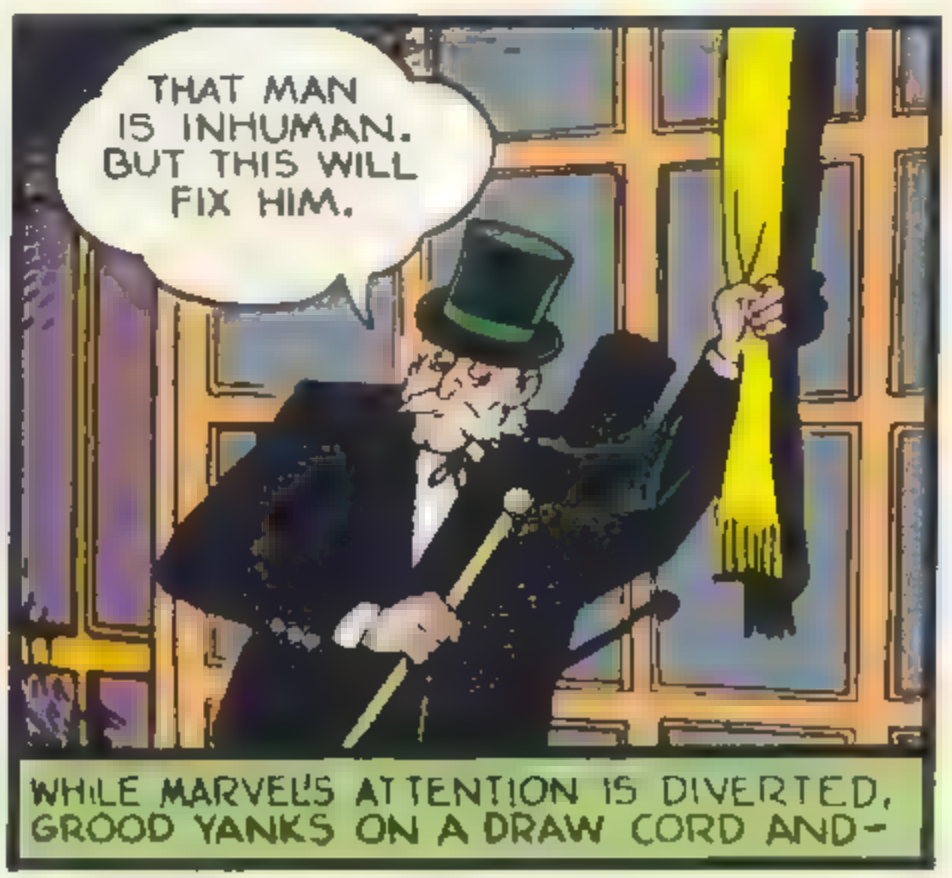
LIGHTNING FLASHES, THUNDER ROLLS—


WH-WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? YOU—, I'LL KILL YOU!
TO USE YOUR OWN WORDS — THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK.
—AND CAPTAIN MARVEL, WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN, CHARGES FOR THE UPRAISED, COCKED PISTOL.

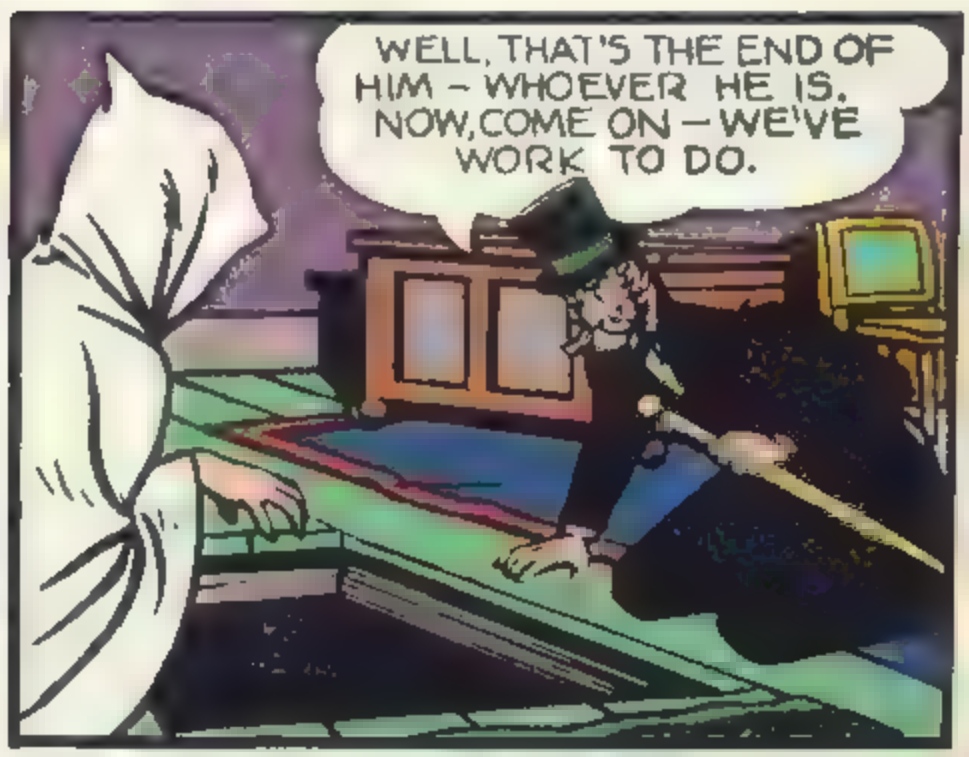

HE HOLDS HIS HAND AGAINST THE MUZZLE AND THE GUN EXPLODES INTO A THOUSAND FRAGMENTS AS THE BULLET BOUNCES BACK FROM MARVEL'S STEEL-LIKE PALM.


NOW I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR GHOST FRIEND.
THE HEAVY, ANCIENT CUTLASS DESCENDS TOWARD HIS UNPROTECTED BACK!


WHAT IS THIS? MOSQUITOES?
BUT AGAINST MARVEL'S POWERFUL DORSAL MUSCLES THE MURDEROUS WEAPON IS USELESS.


THAT MAN IS INHUMAN. BUT THIS WILL FIX HIM.
WHILE MARVEL'S ATTENTION IS DIVERTED, GROOD YANKS ON A DRAW CORD AND—

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HE'D —
A SECRET TRAPDOOR SNAPS OPEN AND HE PLUNGES DOWN INTO SPACE

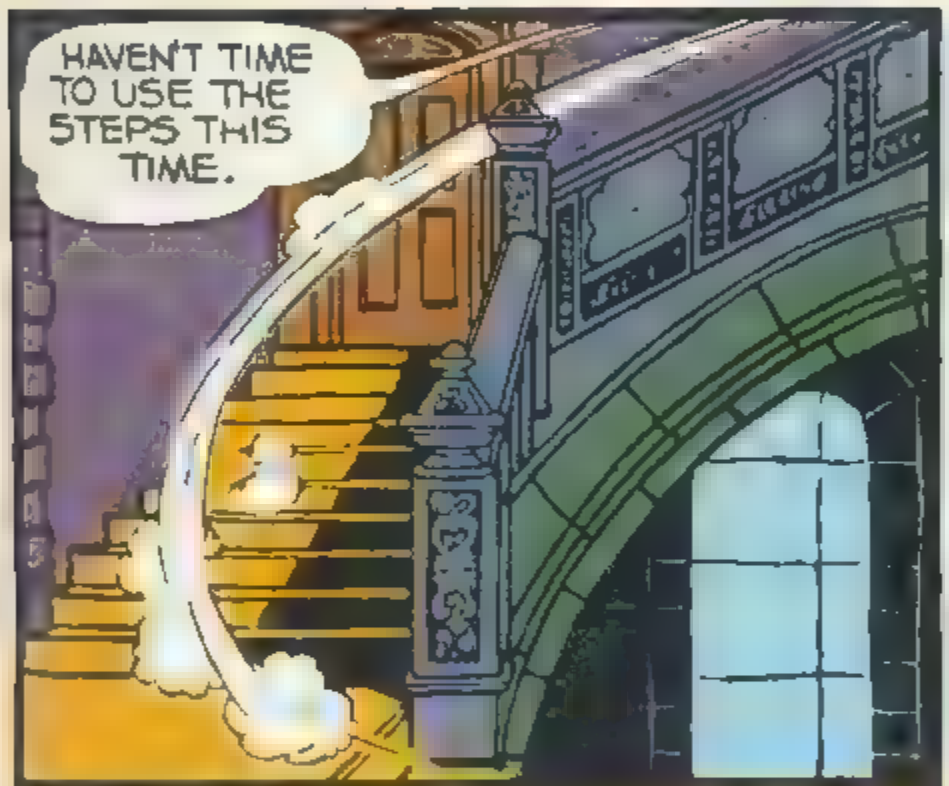

WELL, THAT'S THE END OF HIM – WHOEVER HE IS. NOW, COME ON – WE'VE WORK TO DO.

I- I CAN'T BREATHE! BUT I MUSTN'T GIVE UP. I- I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE.
DAZED BY HIS SUDDEN FALL, CAPTAIN MARVEL FINDS HIMSELF TRAPPED IN AN UNDERGROUND CHAMBER WHICH RAPIDLY FILLS WITH DEADLY POISONOUS GAS - THE ONLY THING AGAINST WHICH THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN IS DEFENSELESS.

THERE – THAT DOES IT.
WITH HIS LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH, HE PULLS THE GAS JET - AND THE TANK CONTAINING THE POISON FUMES - THROUGH THE WALL.

QUICKLY RECOVERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE GAS, HE SPRINTS THROUGH THE HOLE IN THE WALL AND—

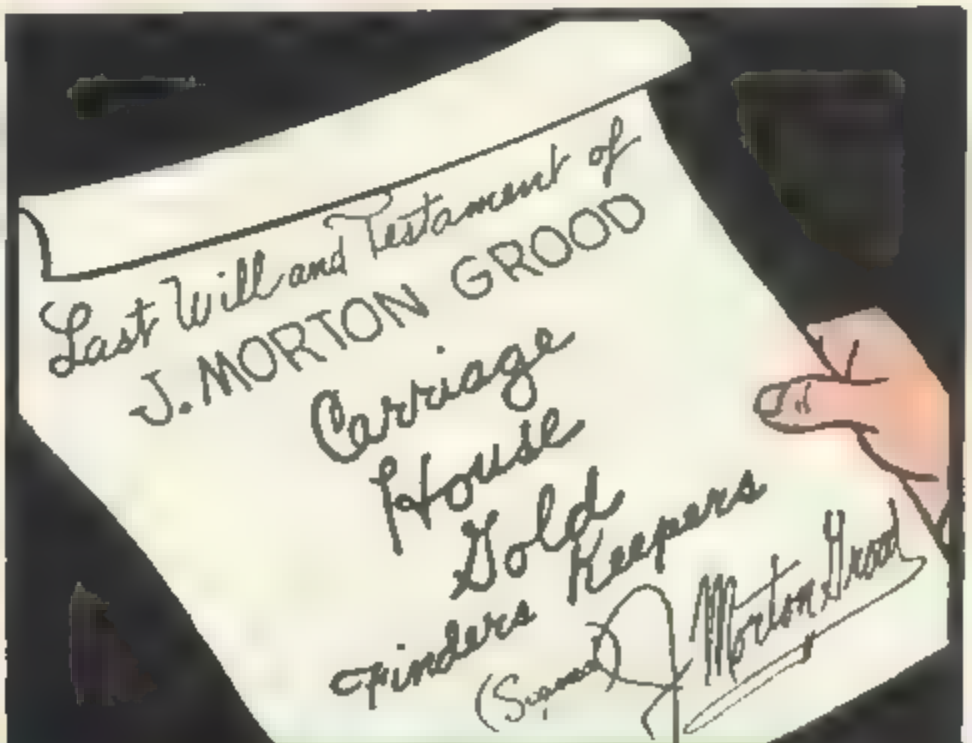
—SPRINGING UPWARD, HE CRASHES THROUGH THE FLOOR OF THE ROOM ABOVE.



STAIRS ARE TOO SLOW FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL.

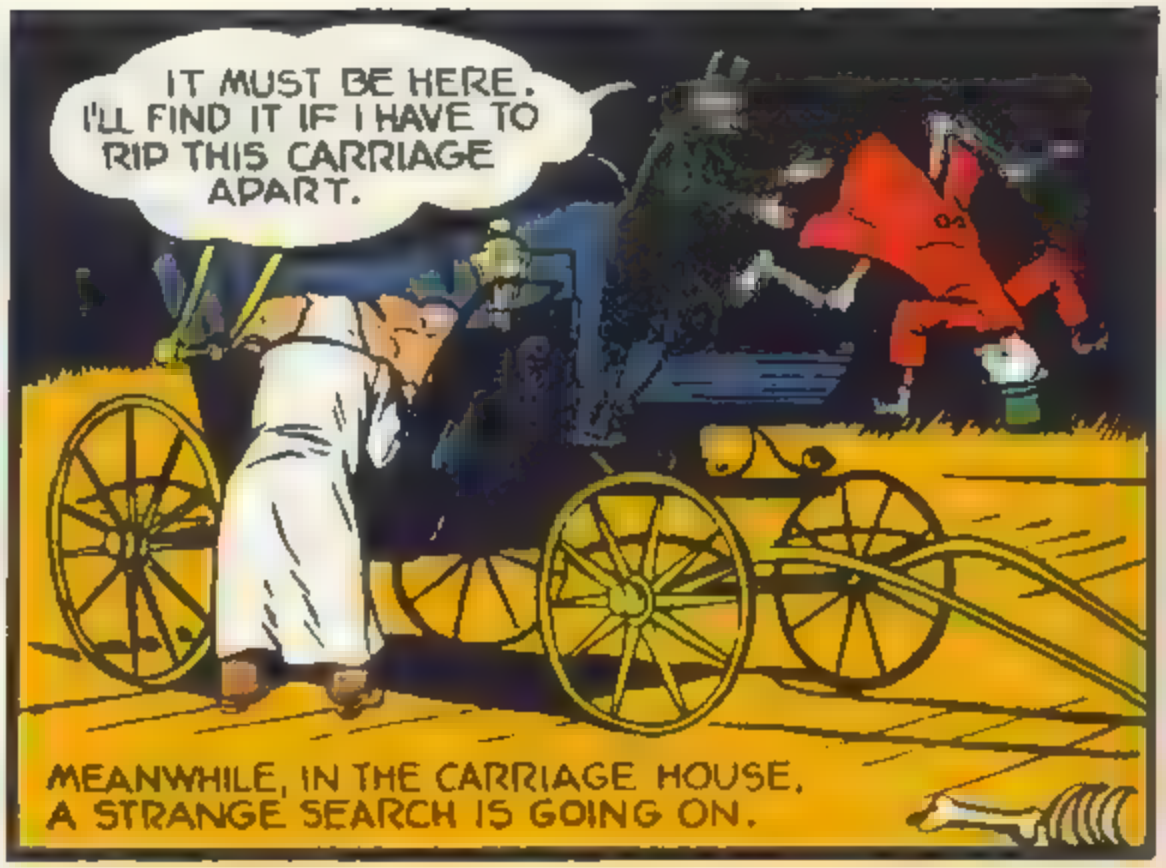
BUT WHEN HE REACHES THE UPSTAIRS BEDROOM—

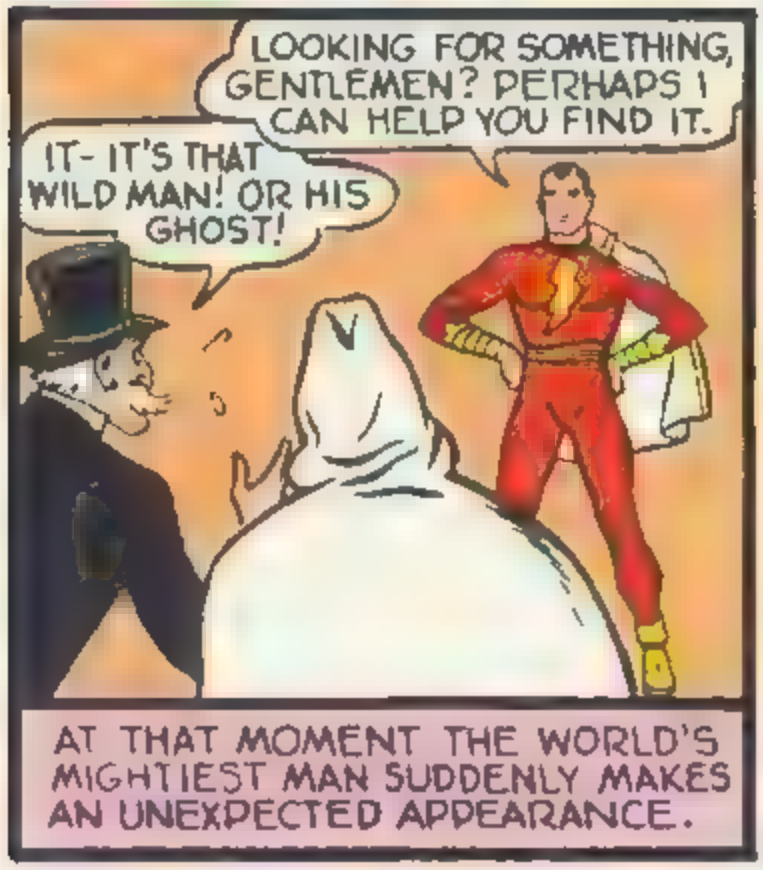
GROOD AND HIS GHOST-LIKE COMPANION HAVE VANISHED.

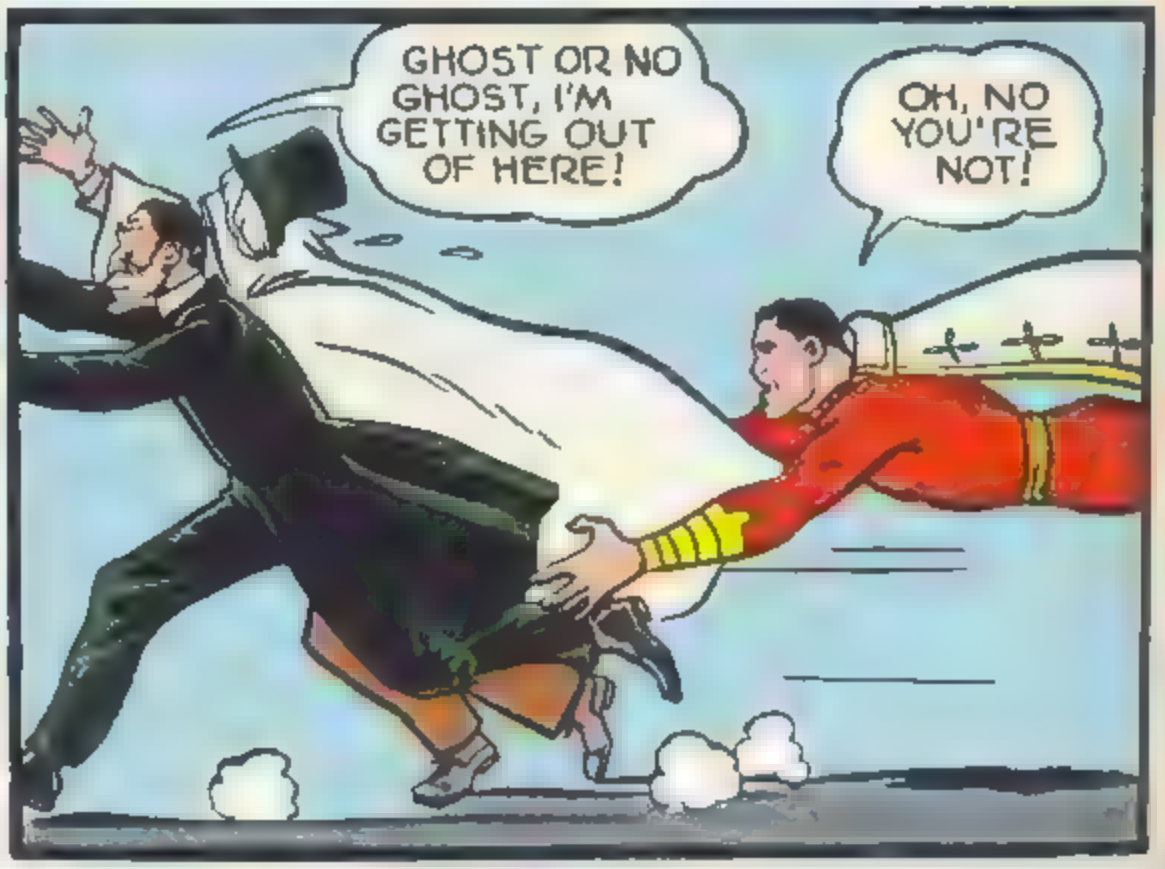


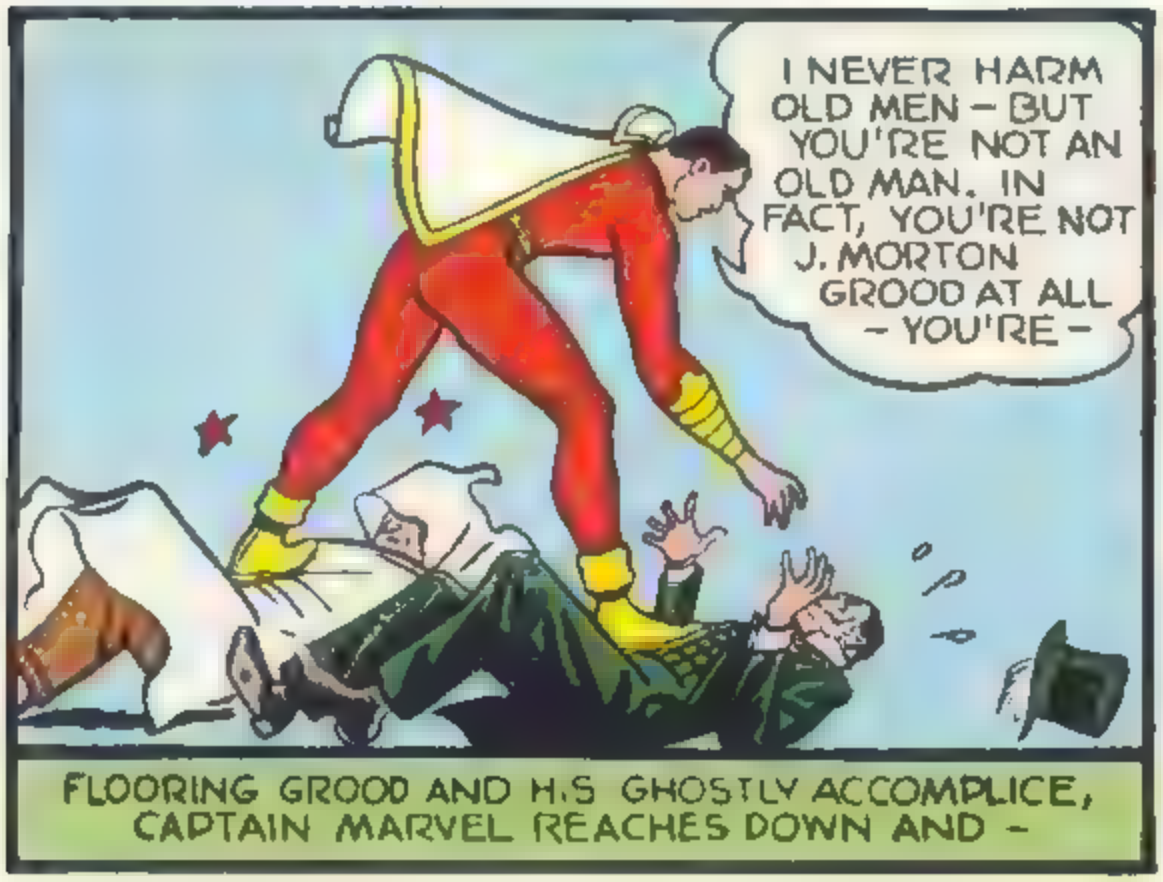
ON THE FLOOR CAPT. MARVEL FINDS A WILL— THE STRANGEST DOCUMENT HE HAS EVER SEEN.

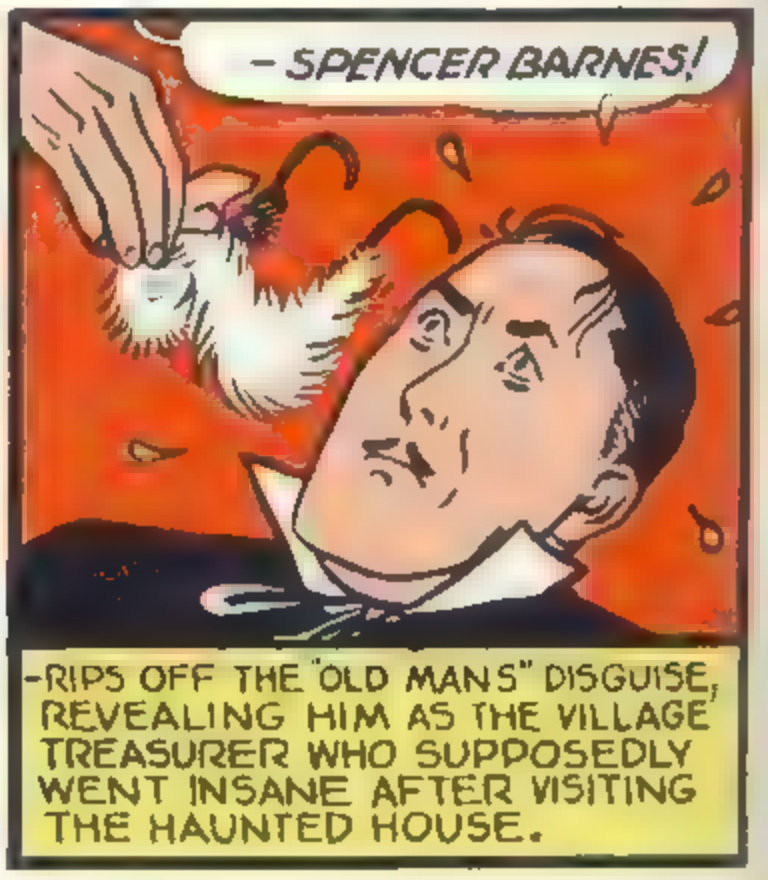
"CARRIAGE-HOUSE-GOLD" I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS, YET. BUT IT TELLS ME WHERE TO FIND MY TWO HOSTS, ANYWAY.


IT MUST BE HERE. I'LL FIND IT IF I HAVE TO RIP THIS CARRIAGE APART.
MEANWHILE, IN THE CARRIAGE HOUSE, A STRANGE SEARCH IS GOING ON.


LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, GENTLEMEN? PERHAPS I CAN HELP YOU FIND IT.
IT- IT'S THAT WILD MAN! OR HIS GHOST!
AT THAT MOMENT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN SUDDENLY MAKES AN UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE.


GHOST OR NO GHOST, I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
OH, NO YOU'RE NOT!


I NEVER HARM OLD MEN - BUT YOU'RE NOT AN OLD MAN. IN FACT, YOU'RE NOT J. MORTON GROOD AT ALL - YOU'RE -
FLOORING GROOD AND HIS GHOSTLY ACCOMPLICE, CAPTAIN MARVEL REACHES DOWN AND -


- SPENCER BARNES!
-RIPS OFF THE "OLD MAN'S" DISGUISE, REVEALING HIM AS THE VILLAGE TREASURER WHO SUPPOSEDLY WENT INSANE AFTER VISITING THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

AND YOUR FRIEND, HERE, IS NONE OTHER THAN MR. RALPH COLE, WHO WANTED TO BUY THIS HOUSE FROM THE VILLAGE.

A SECOND LATER THE "GHOST" IS UNVEILED.

I SUSPECTED YOU WEREN'T REALLY INSANE, BARNES, WHEN I FOUND YOU WANDERING AROUND THE ESTATE LAST NIGHT. SO I INVESTIGATED YOU.

YOU - YOURE CRAZY. I NEVER SAW YOU BEFORE. THAT WAS A BOY WHO SAW ME LAST NIGHT.

"THE LOCAL STOREKEEPER TOLD ME YOU HAD ACTED IN SCHOOL PLAYS AND WERE CLEVER AT DISGUISE. THEN I KNEW YOU WERE THE PERSON POSING AS J. MORTON GROOD'S SPIRIT."

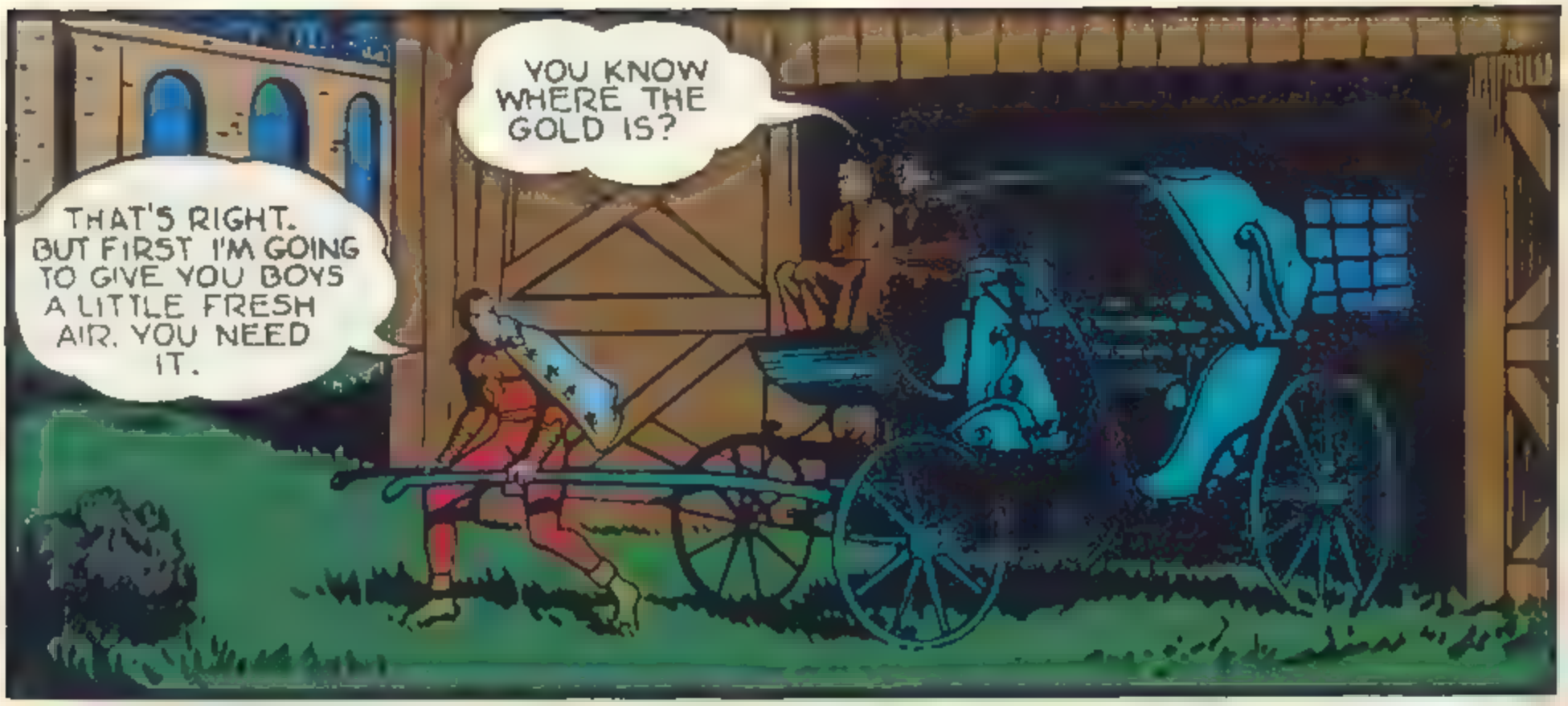
HELP! HELP! HE'LL - HE'LL KILL ME!

"YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD - EVEN TO PRETENDING THE HOUSE HAD DRIVEN YOU CRAZY - TO MAKE PEOPLE THINK THE GROOD PLACE WAS HAUNTED SO YOUR ACCOMPLICE, COLE, COULD BUY IT UP CHEAP."

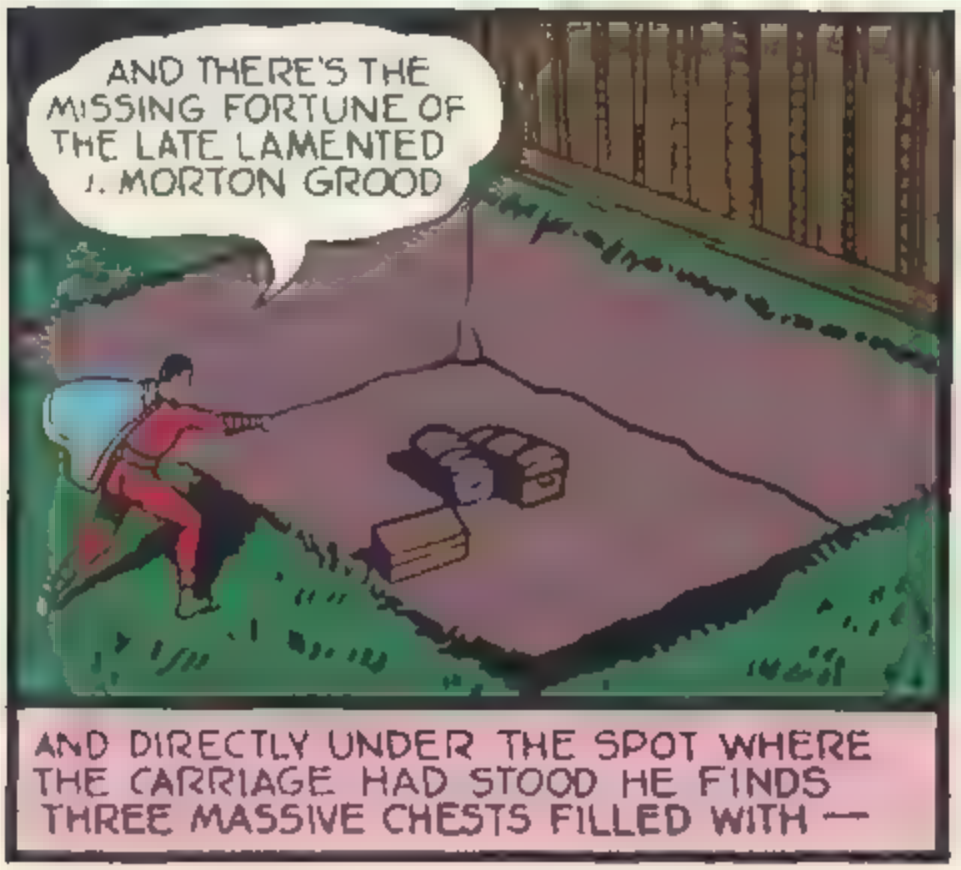
AND WHY? I'LL TELL YOU. ASIDE FROM THE MONEY HE GAVE HIS SERVANT, RICKETTS, NO ONE HAS EVER KNOWN WHAT BECAME OF GROOD'S TREMENDOUS FORTUNE. YOU FIGURED - CORRECTLY - THAT IT MUST BE HIDDEN IN THE HOUSE SOMEWHERE.

YOU AND COLE, DRESSED LIKE GHOSTS TO SCARE PEOPLE AWAY WHILE YOU RANSACKED THE HOUSE, FINALLY FOUND THIS OLD WILL IN GROOD'S BEDROOM. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS - BUT I DO.

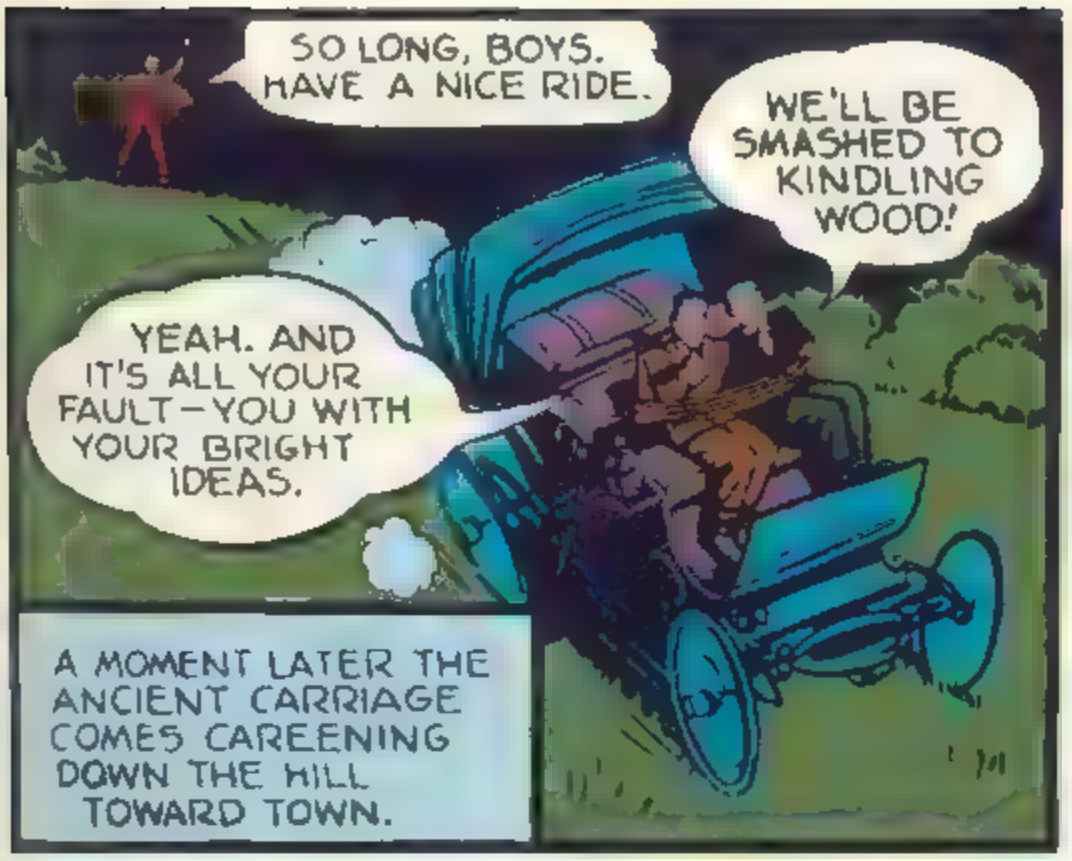
Last Will and Testament of
J. MORTON GROOD
Carriage House
Gold
Finders Keepers
(Signed) J. Morton Grood

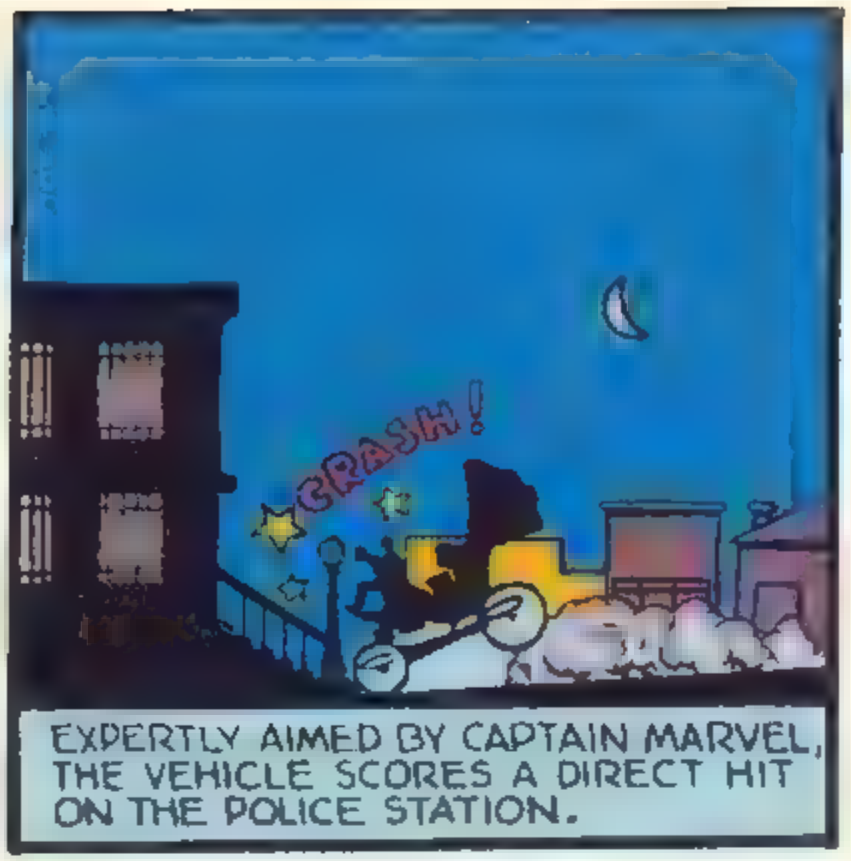

YOU KNOW WHERE THE GOLD IS?
THAT'S RIGHT. BUT FIRST I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU BOYS A LITTLE FRESH AIR. YOU NEED IT.

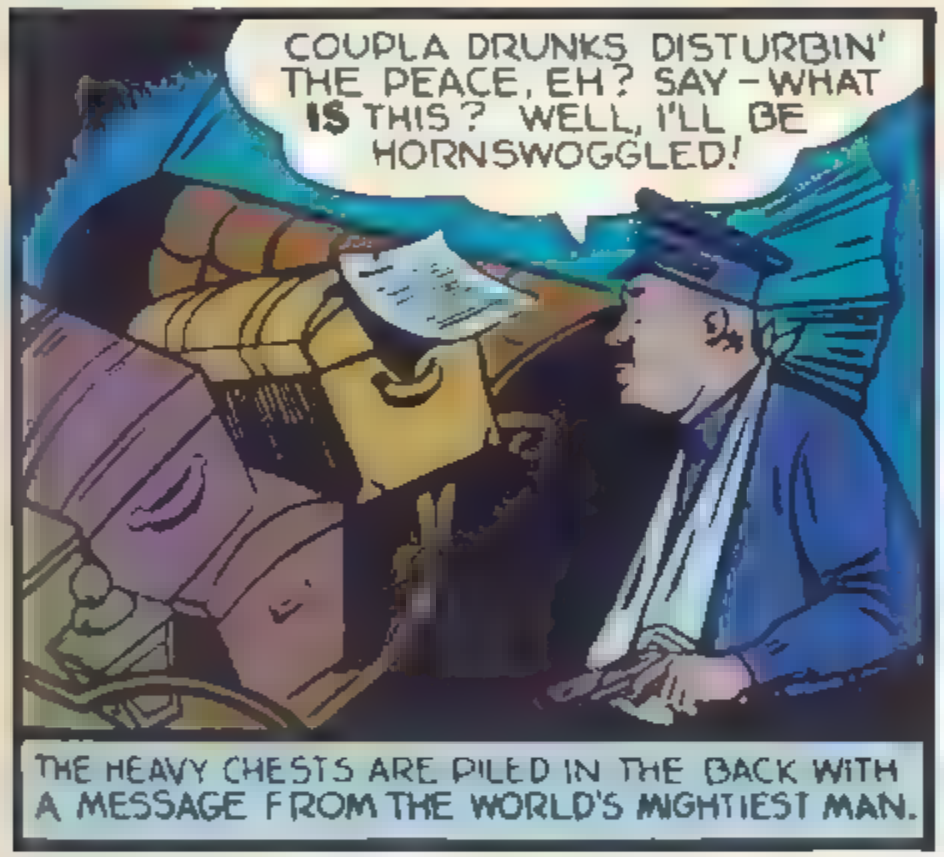
IF YOU'D READ THE WILL PROPERLY YOU'D KNOW IT SAID, "GOLD UNDER HOUSE BELOW CARRIAGE". SIMPLE AS A.B.C.
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MUSCLES STRAIN AS CAPTAIN MARVEL PUSHES OVER THE CARRIAGE HOUSE.

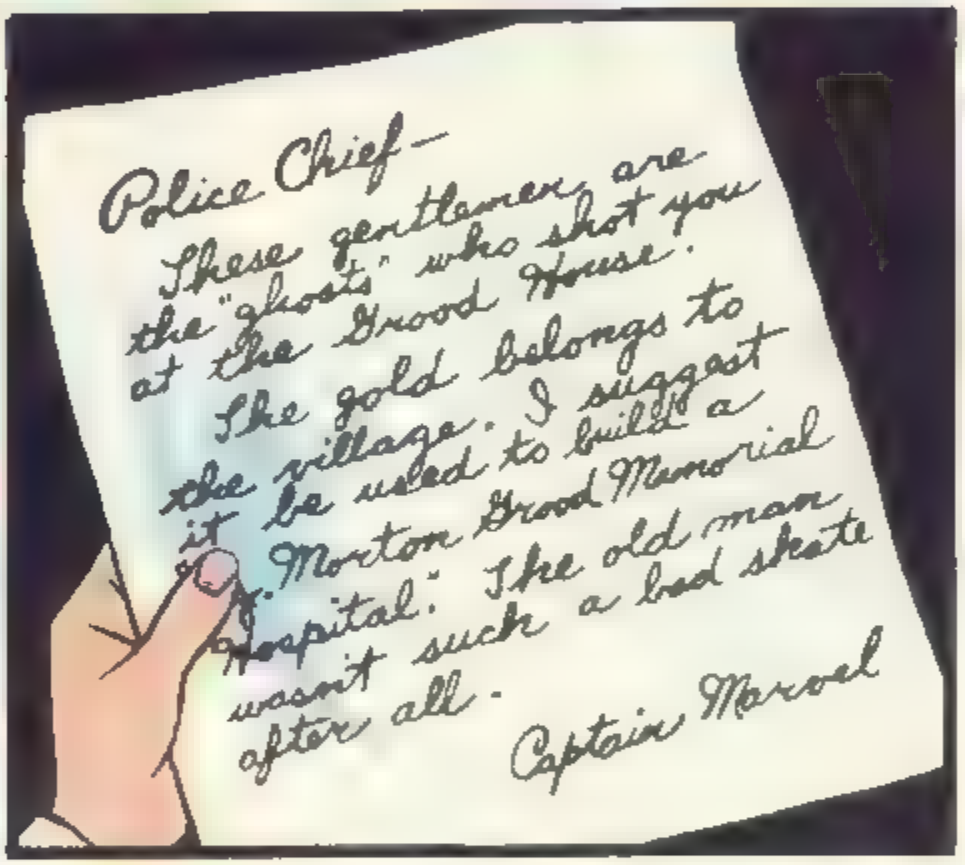

AND THERE'S THE MISSING FORTUNE OF THE LATE LAMENTED J. MORTON GROOD
AND DIRECTLY UNDER THE SPOT WHERE THE CARRIAGE HAD STOOD HE FINDS THREE MASSIVE CHESTS FILLED WITH —

THERE'S ABOUT $1,000,000 WORTH IN EACH CHEST, MAKING A TOTAL OF $3,000,000.
—GOLD!









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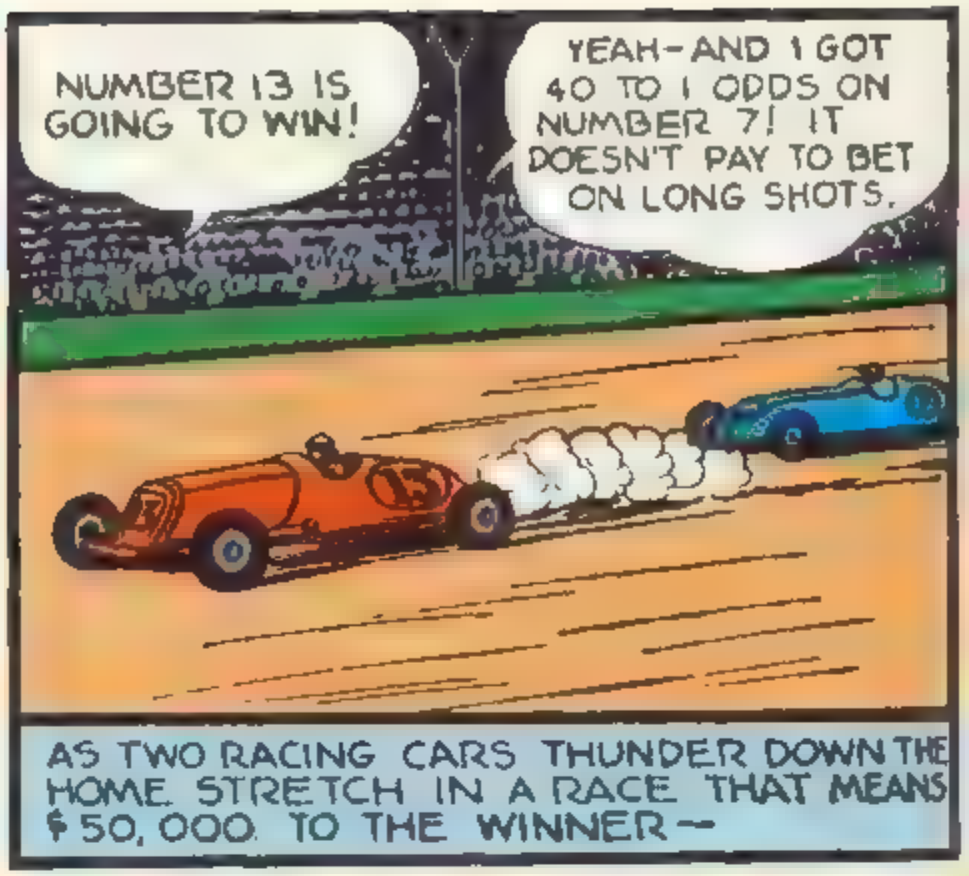
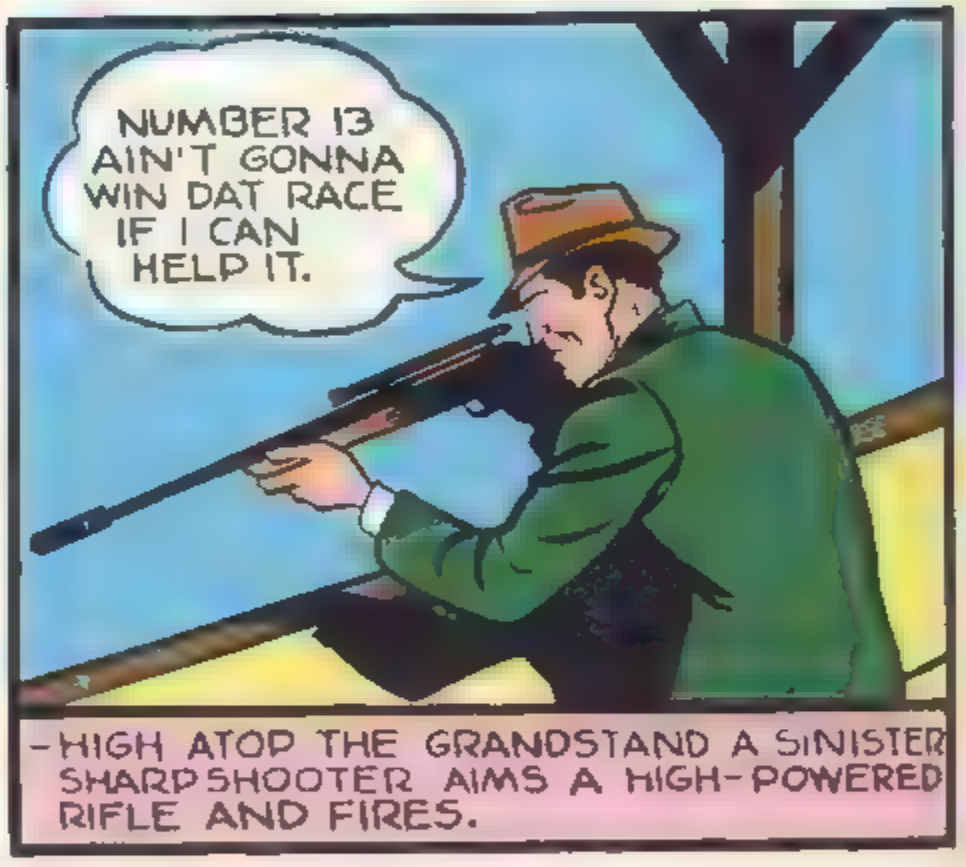
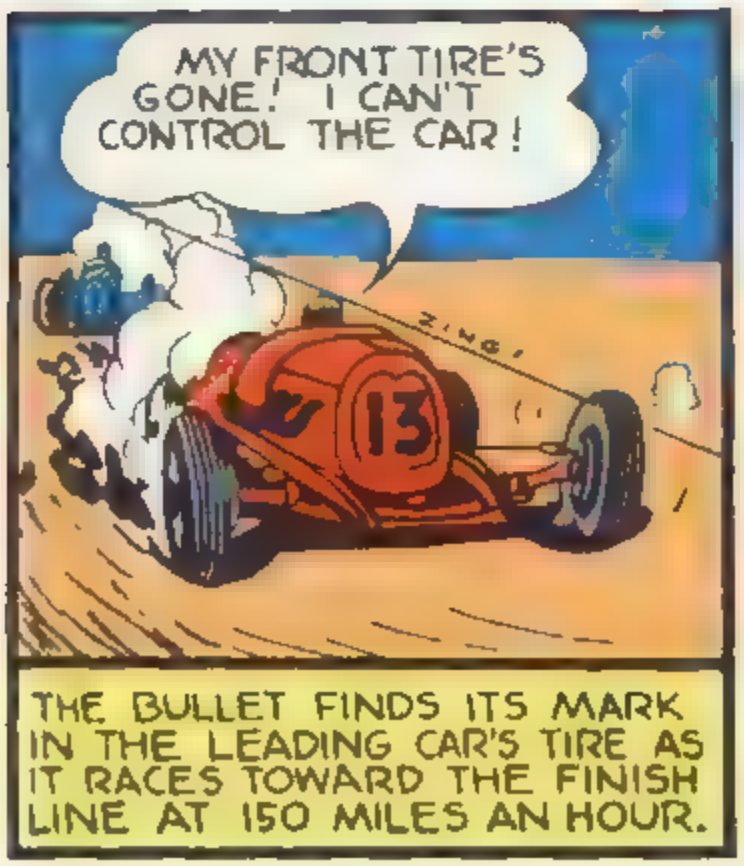
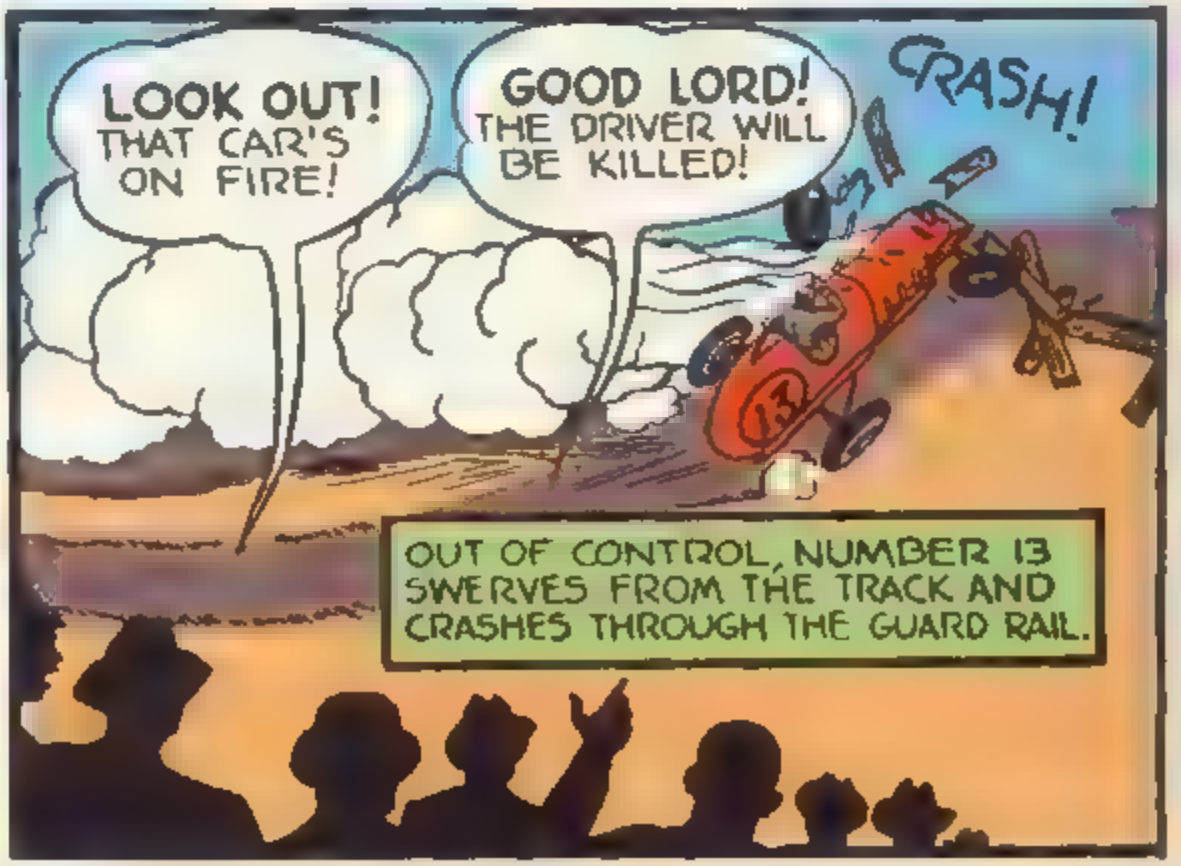
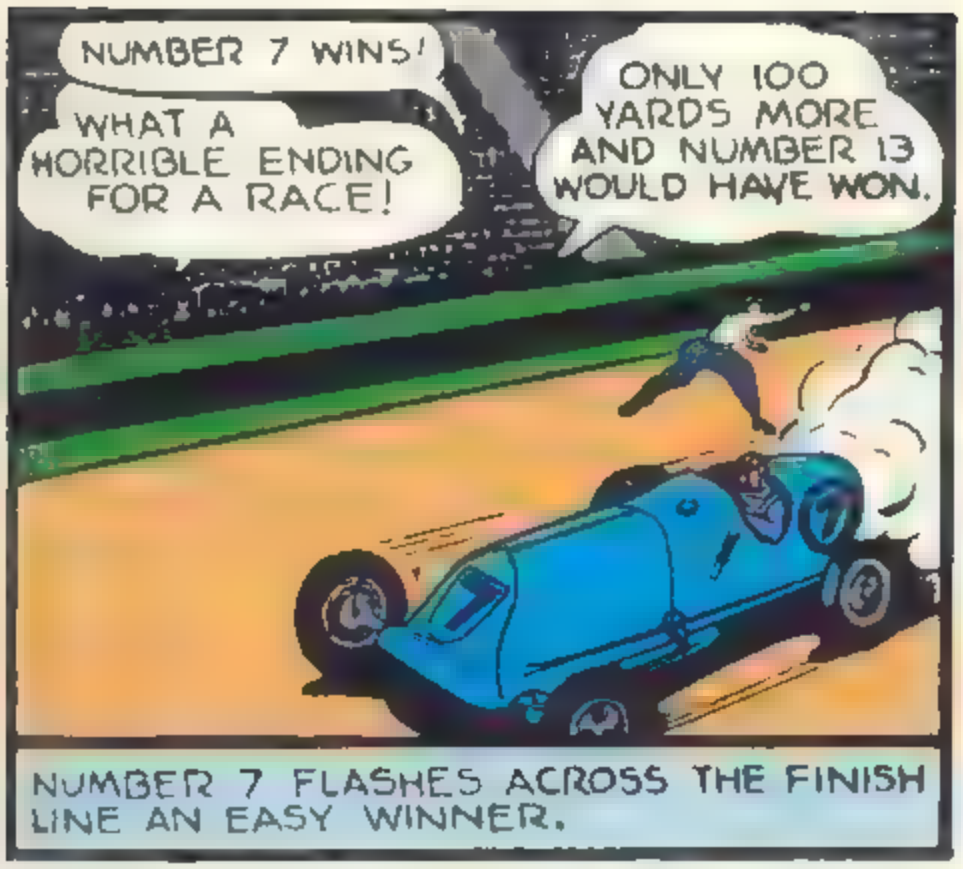
CAPT. MARVEL and GAMBLERS of DEATH





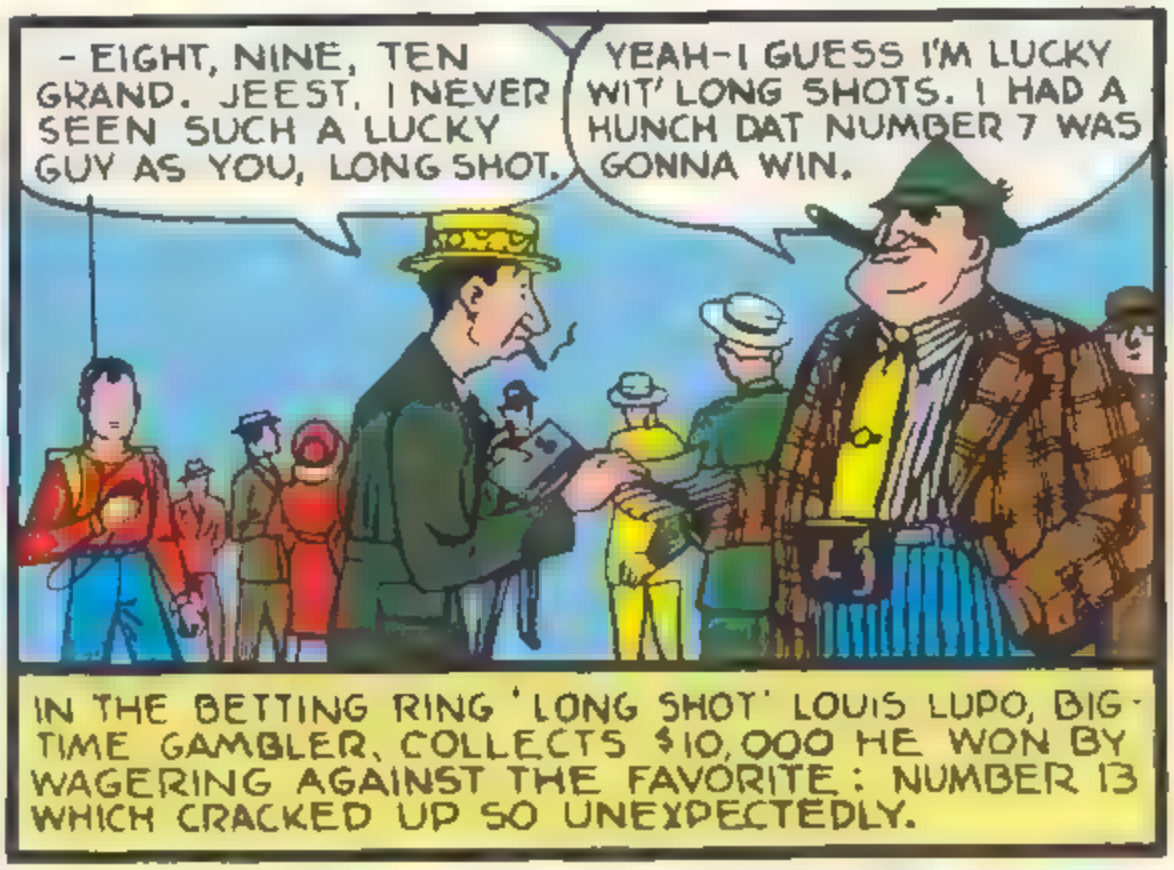




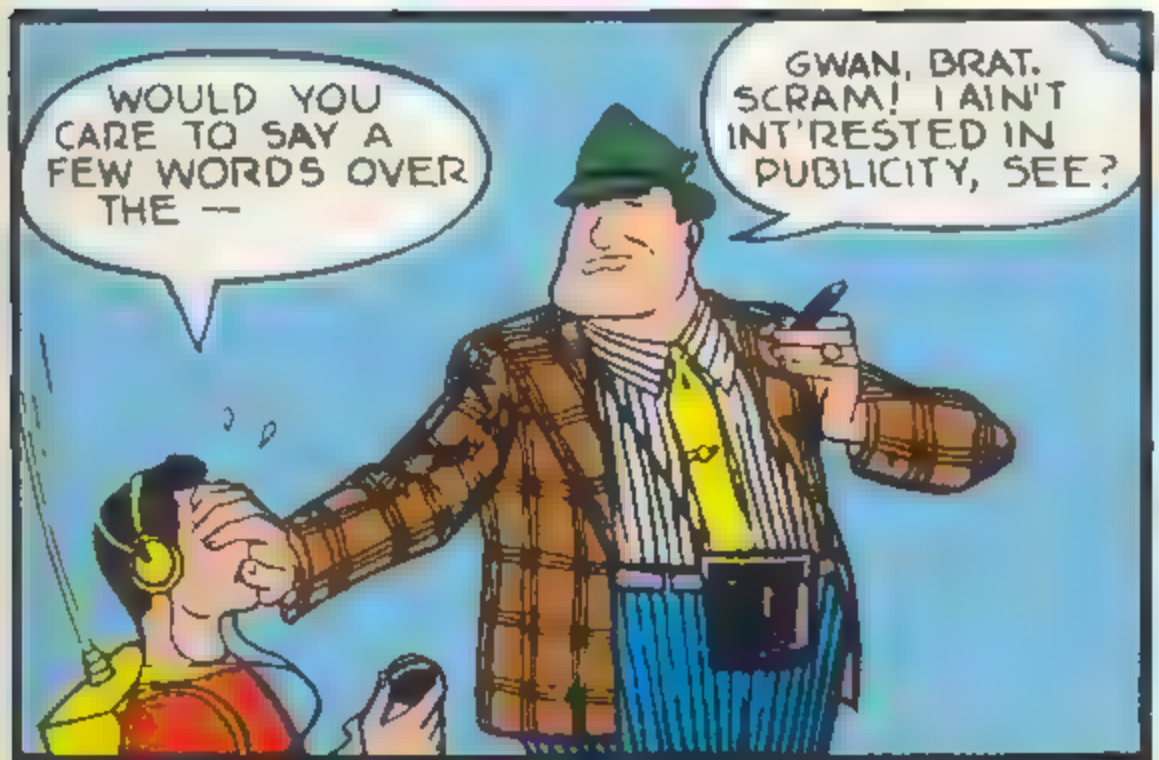


NUMBER 7 FLASHES ACROSS THE FINISH LINE AN EASY WINNER.

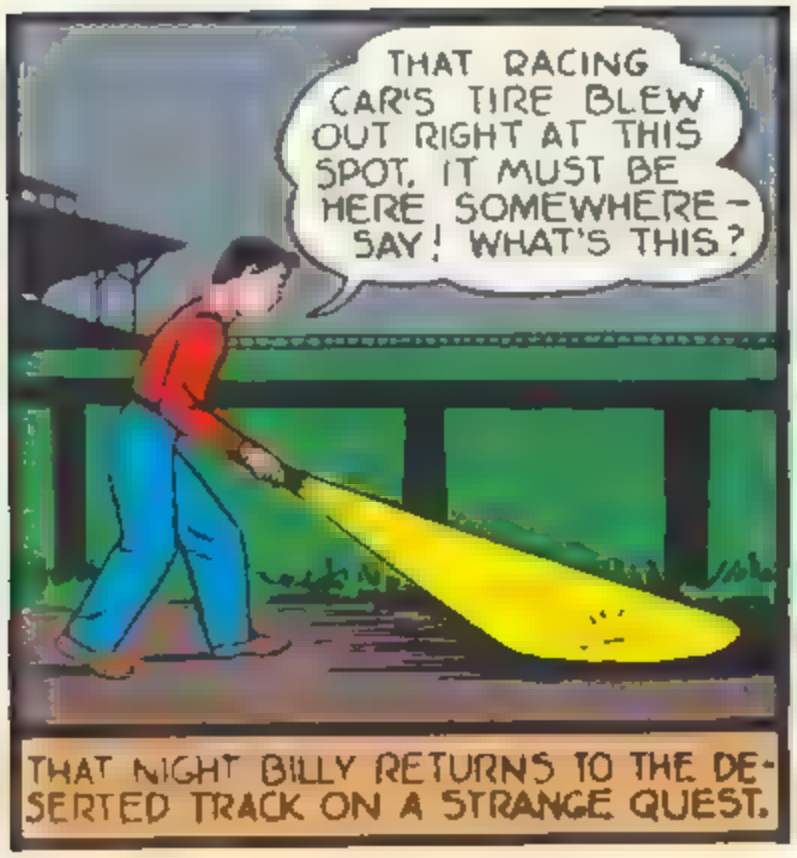
BROADCASTING THE RACE OVER A COAST-TO-COAST NETWORK, AMERICA'S ACE RADIO REPORTER, BILLY BATSON, HURRIES TO THE SCENE OF THE WRECK JUST AS THE INJURED DRIVER IS LIFTED OUT.



IN THE BETTING RING 'LONG SHOT' LOUIS LUPO, BIG-TIME GAMBLER, COLLECTS $10,000 HE WON BY WAGERING AGAINST THE FAVORITE: NUMBER 13 WHICH CRACKED UP SO UNEXPECTEDLY.

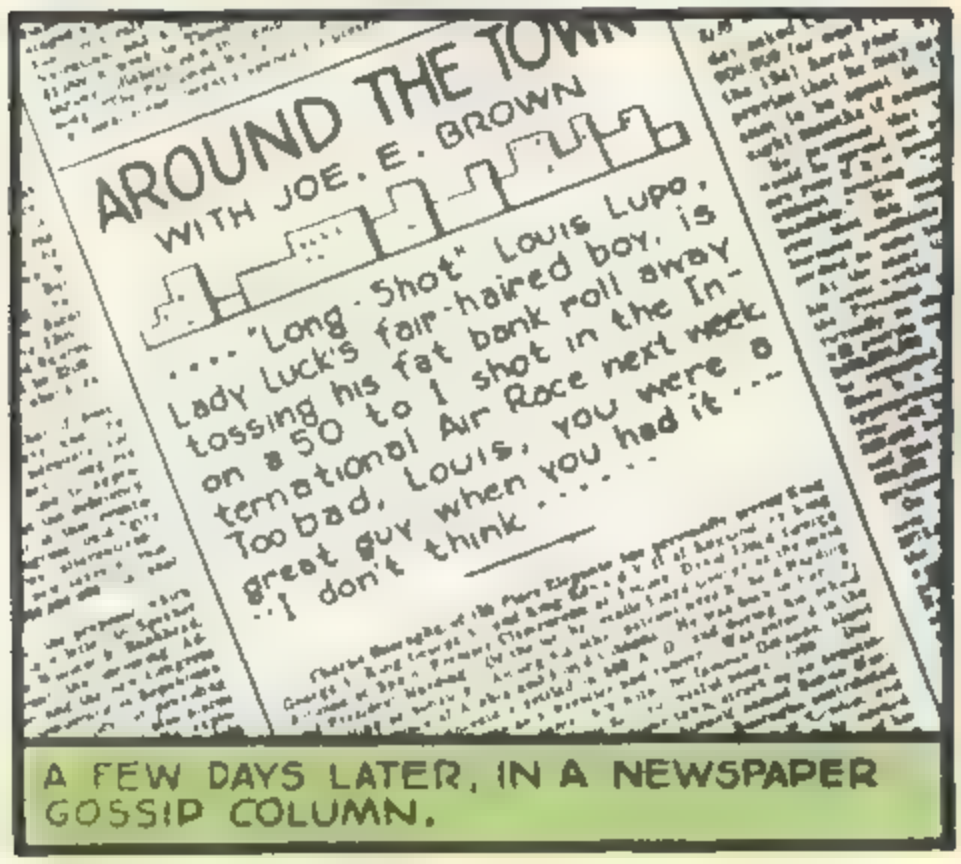


LUPO EMPHATICALLY DENIES BILLY'S REQUEST TO GIVE THE RADIO AUDIENCE HIS IMPRESSION OF THE RACE

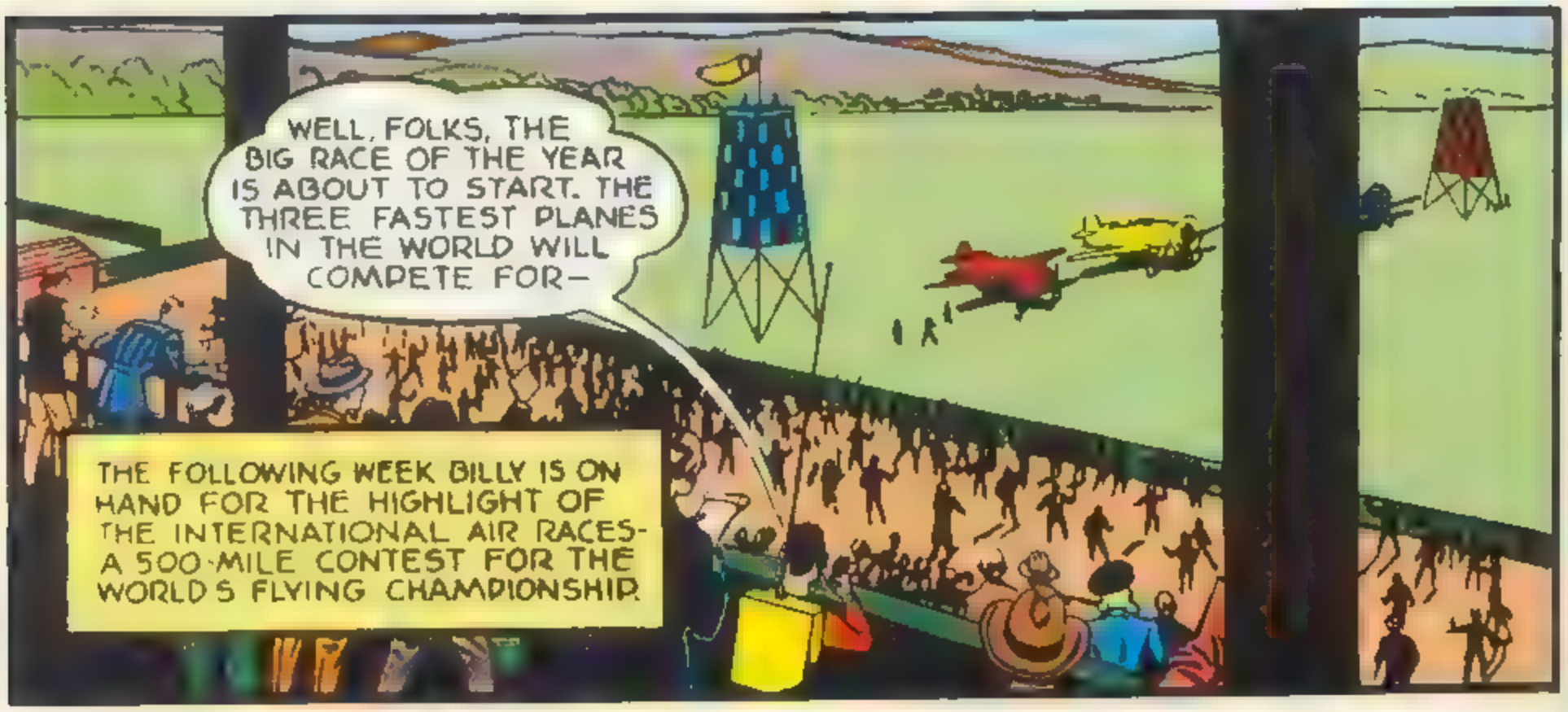

THAT RACING CAR'S TIRE BLEW OUT RIGHT AT THIS SPOT. IT MUST BE HERE SOMEWHERE— SAY! WHAT'S THIS?
THAT NIGHT BILLY RETURNS TO THE DESERTED TRACK ON A STRANGE QUEST.

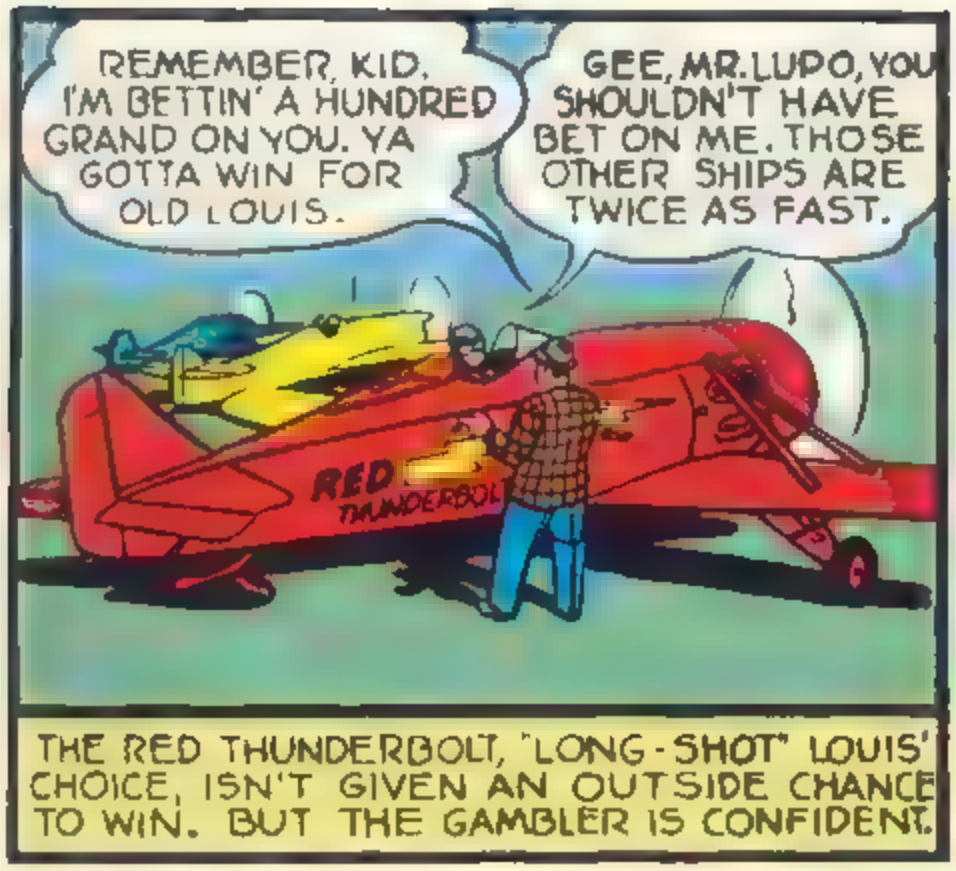
A BULLET! I KNEW I'D FIND IT!
AFTER AN HOUR OF PAINSTAKING SEARCHING HE FINDS THE BIT OF LEAD WHICH CAUSED RACING CAR NUMBER 13 TO WRECK.

THAT CAR WAS WRECKED DELIBERATELY AND I THINK I KNOW WHO DID IT.
BILLY REALIZES NOW WHAT THE DYING RACE DRIVER MEANT BY HIS MUMBLED WORDS.

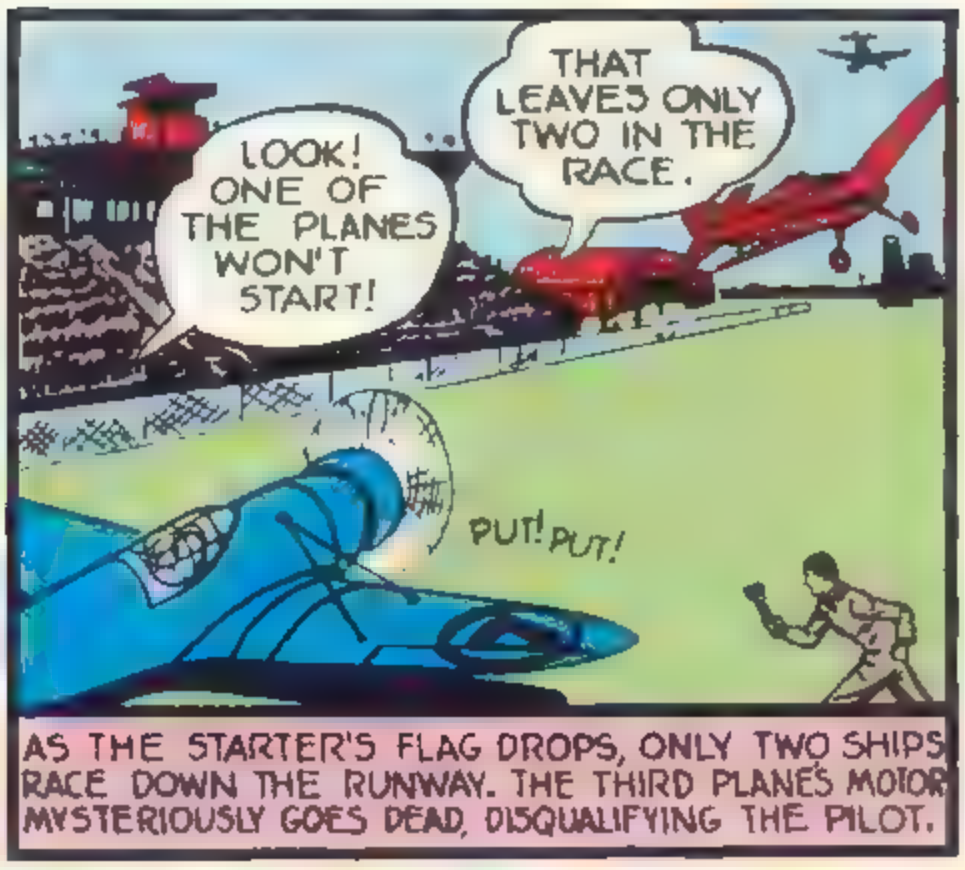

AROUND THE TOWN
WITH JOE. E. BROWN
.... "Long-Shot" Louis Lupo, Lady Luck's fair-haired boy, is tossing his fat bank roll away on a 50 to 1 shot in the International Air Race next week. Too bad, Louis, you were a great guy when you had it ... I don't think .....
A FEW DAYS LATER, IN A NEWSPAPER GOSSIP COLUMN.

SO LUPO'S BETTING ON AN AIRPLANE THAT CAN'T WIN, EH? I GUESS I'D BETTER LOOK INTO THAT.

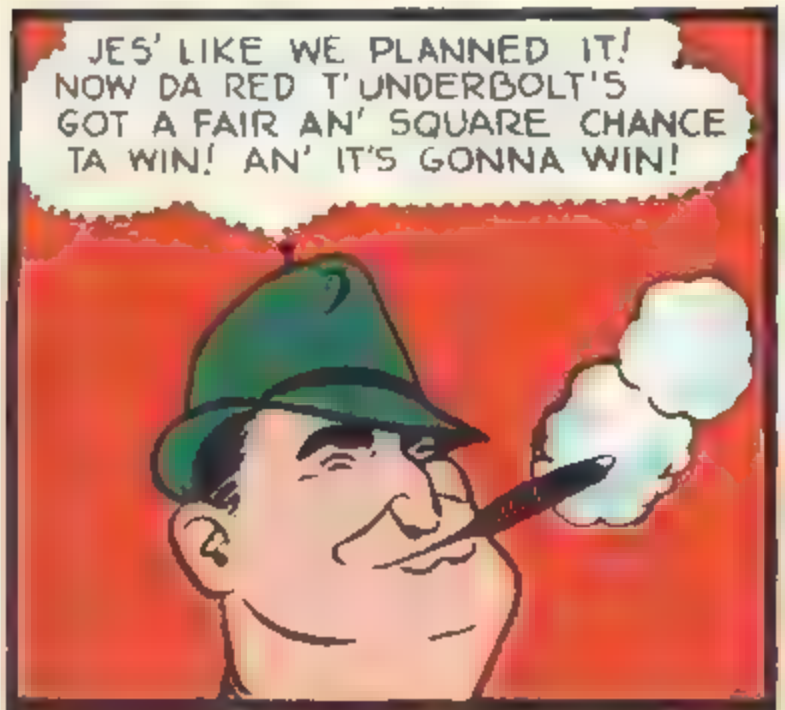

WELL, FOLKS, THE BIG RACE OF THE YEAR IS ABOUT TO START. THE THREE FASTEST PLANES IN THE WORLD WILL COMPETE FOR—
THE FOLLOWING WEEK BILLY IS ON HAND FOR THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIR RACES— A 500-MILE CONTEST FOR THE WORLD'S FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP



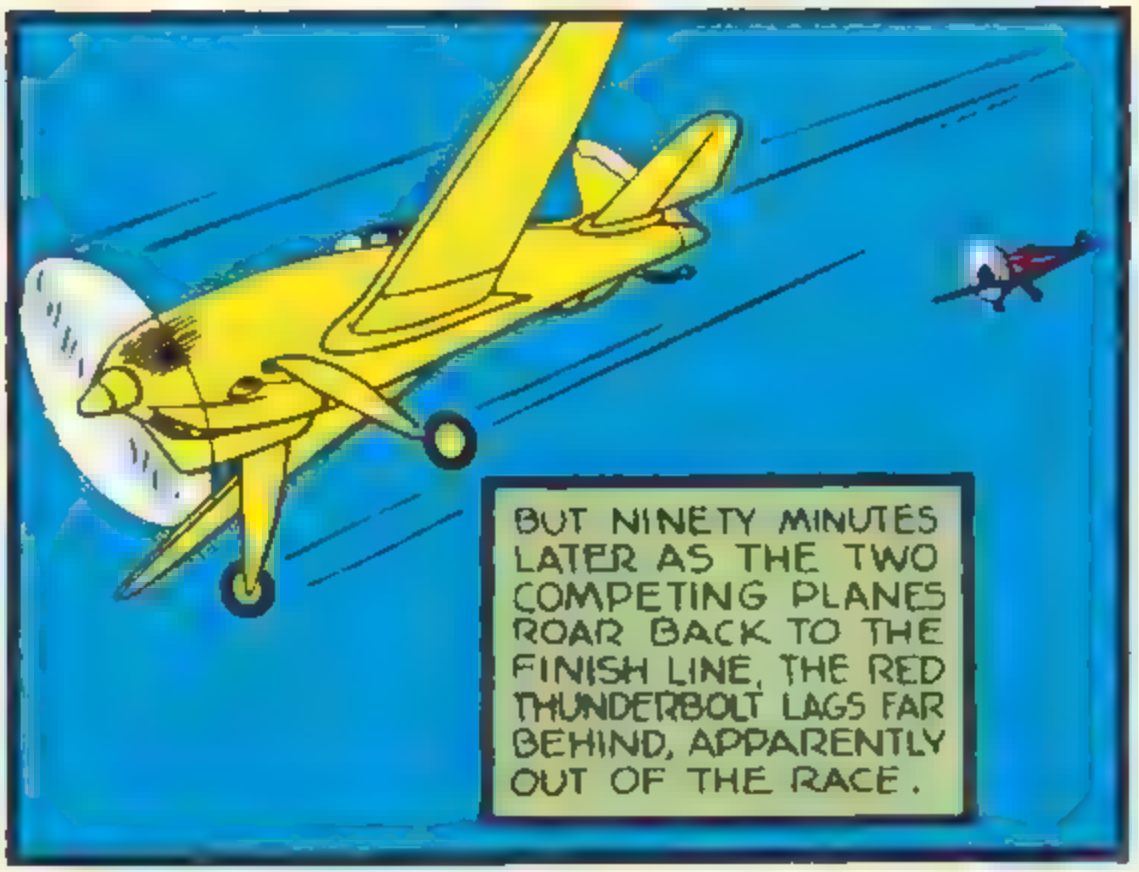
THE RED THUNDERBOLT, "LONG-SHOT" LOUIS' CHOICE, ISN'T GIVEN AN OUTSIDE CHANCE TO WIN. BUT THE GAMBLER IS CONFIDENT.



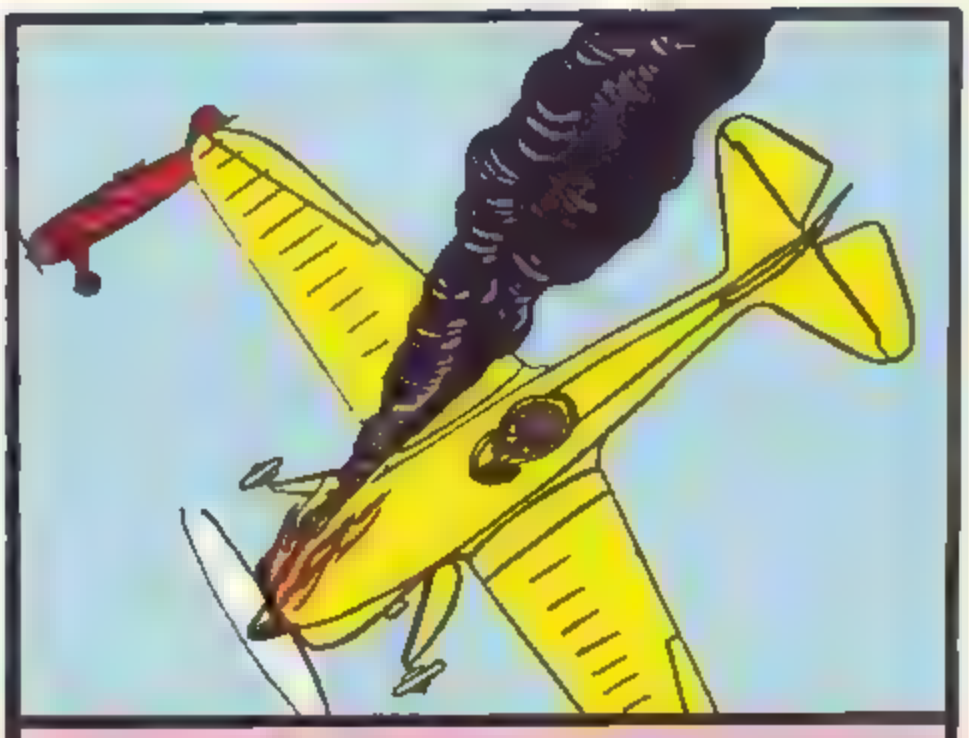
AS THE STARTER'S FLAG DROPS, ONLY TWO SHIPS RACE DOWN THE RUNWAY. THE THIRD PLANE'S MOTOR MYSTERIOUSLY GOES DEAD, DISQUALIFYING THE PILOT.



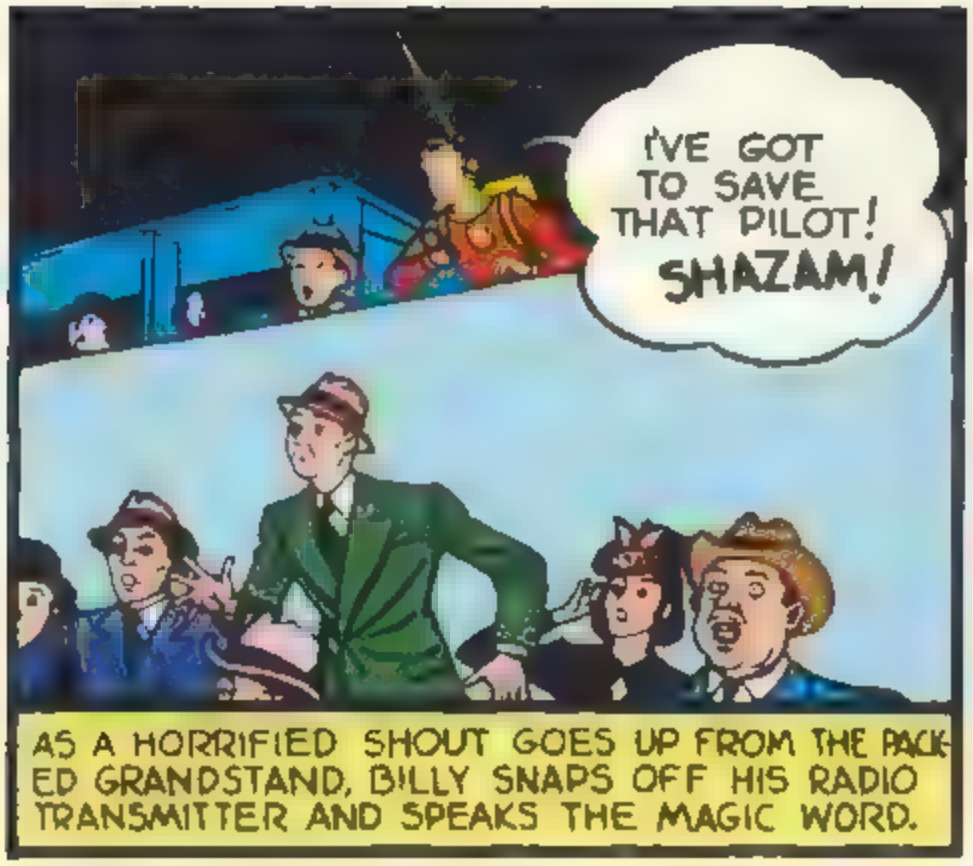
AND THE ONLY MAN IN THE VAST CROWD WHO IS NOT SURPRISED AT THE "ACCIDENT" IS LOUIS LUPO.

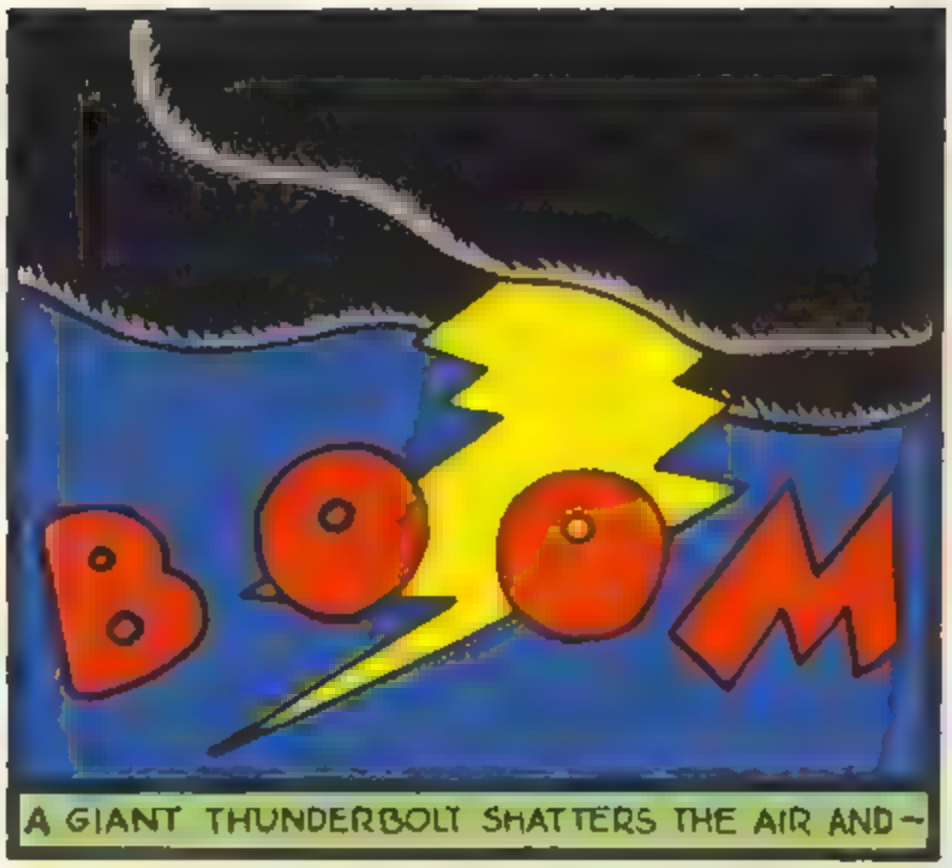


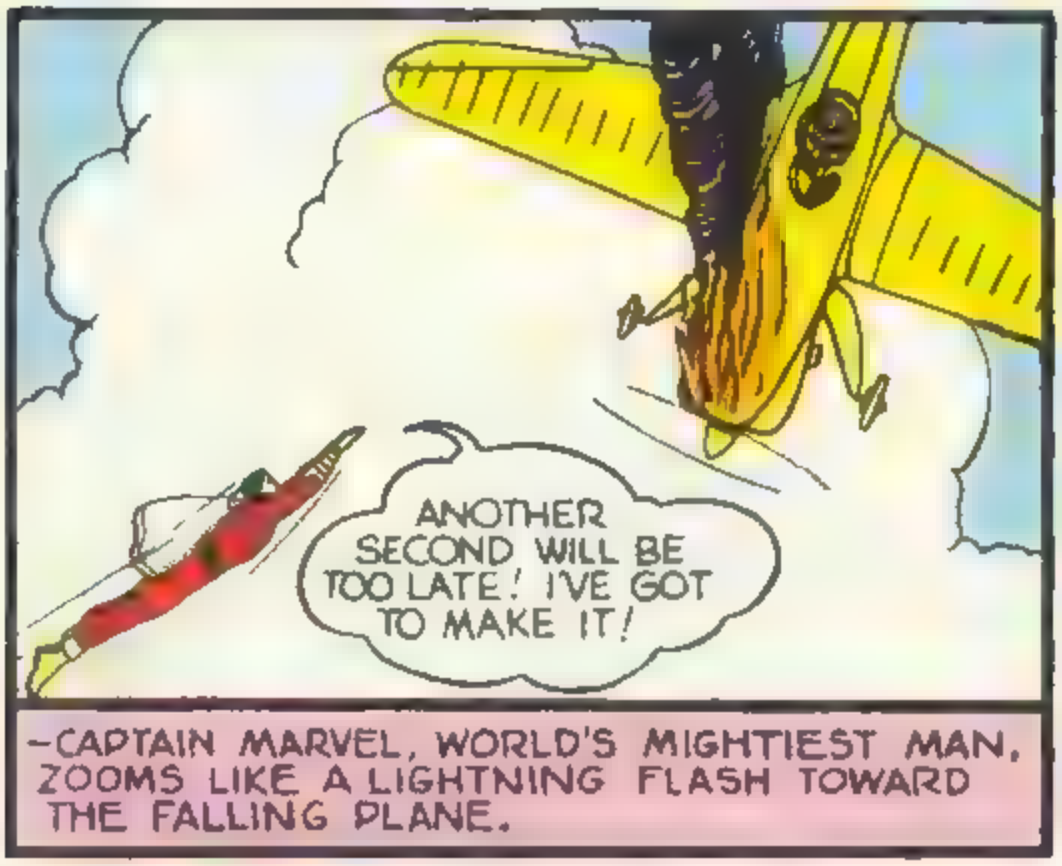
BEFORE THE RACING CRAFT CAN FLASH ACROSS THE LINE A WINNER, A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE BARKS WITH DEADLY ACCURACY AND—

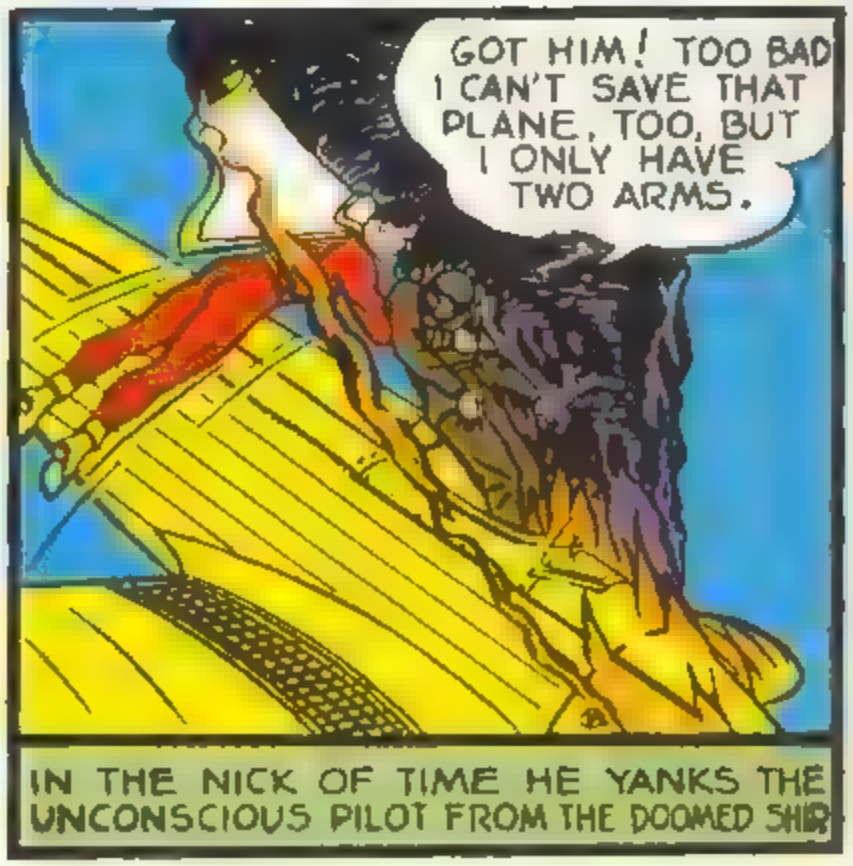


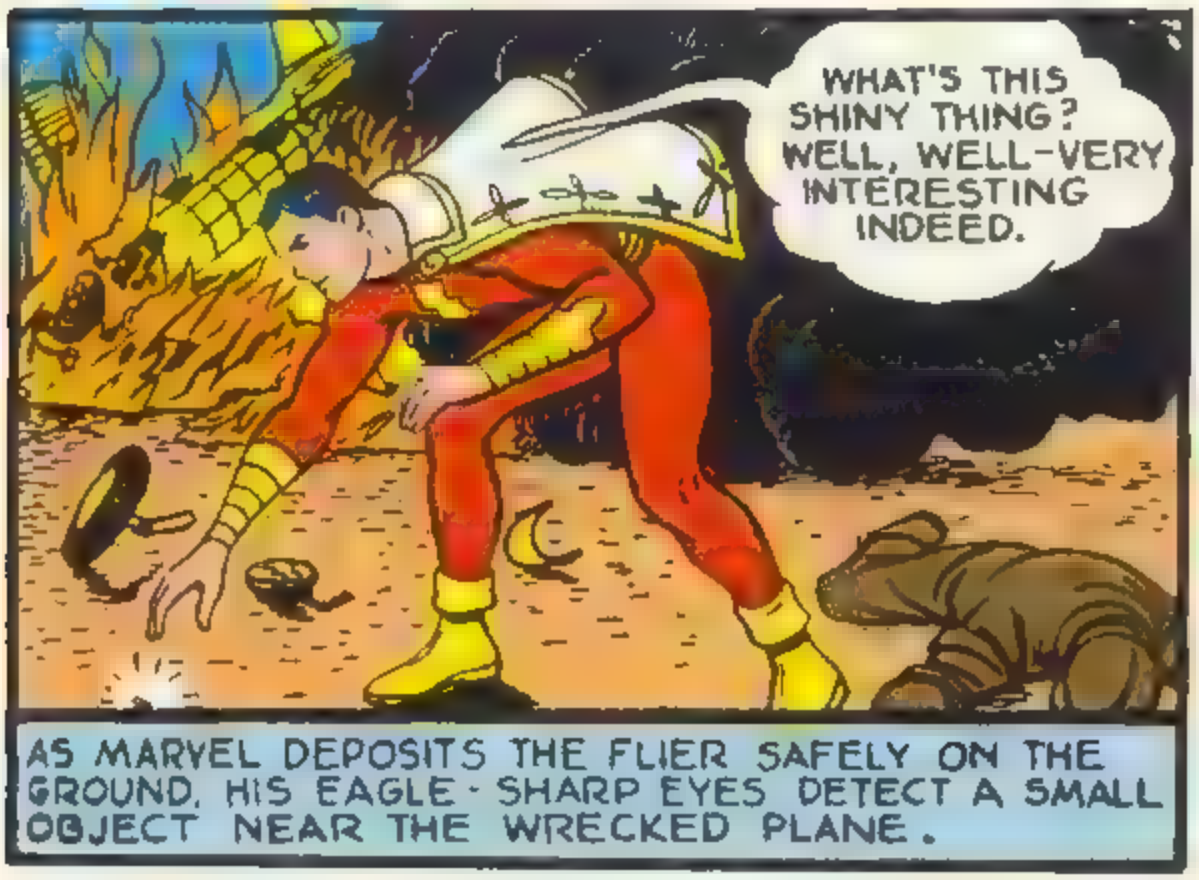
—THE PLANE STAGGERS LIKE A WOUNDED BIRD AND FALLS HELPLESSLY TOWARD THE SPINNING EARTH BELOW.


I'VE GOT TO SAVE THAT PILOT! SHAZAM!
AS A HORRIFIED SHOUT GOES UP FROM THE PACKED GRANDSTAND, BILLY SNAPS OFF HIS RADIO TRANSMITTER AND SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD.


BOOM
A GIANT THUNDERBOLT SHATTERS THE AIR AND—


ANOTHER SECOND WILL BE TOO LATE! I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT!
—CAPTAIN MARVEL, WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN, ZOOMS LIKE A LIGHTNING FLASH TOWARD THE FALLING PLANE.


GOT HIM! TOO BAD I CAN'T SAVE THAT PLANE, TOO, BUT I ONLY HAVE TWO ARMS.
IN THE NICK OF TIME HE YANKS THE UNCONSCIOUS PILOT FROM THE DOOMED SHIP

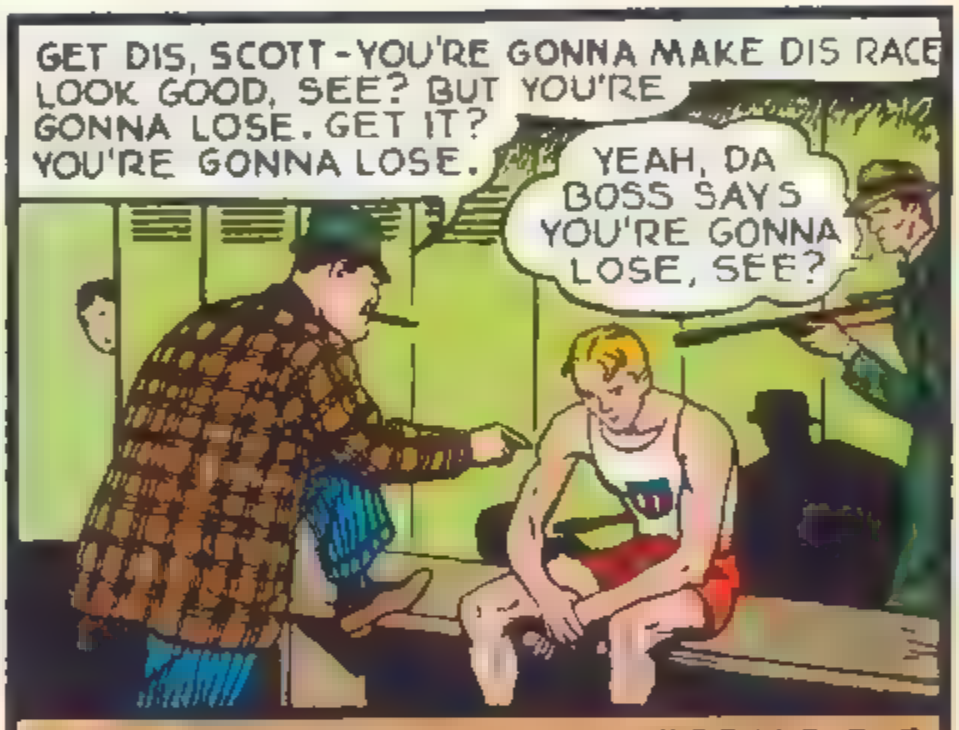

WHAT'S THIS SHINY THING? WELL, WELL—VERY INTERESTING INDEED.
AS MARVEL DEPOSITS THE FLIER SAFELY ON THE GROUND, HIS EAGLE-SHARP EYES DETECT A SMALL OBJECT NEAR THE WRECKED PLANE.

A BULLET—EXACTLY LIKE THE ONE THAT WRECKED THAT RACING CAR! GUESS I'D BETTER— SHAZAM!

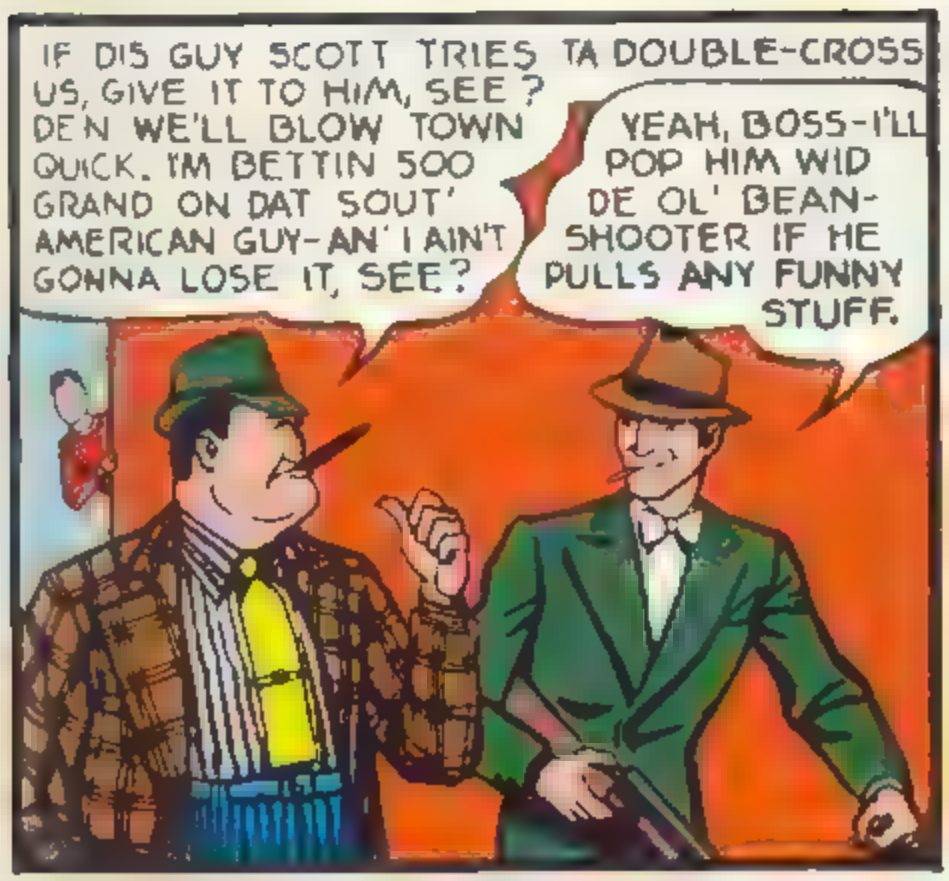
AT THE SOUND OF THE MAGIC WORD, LIGHTNING FLASHES, THUNDER ROARS AND-

-CAPTAIN MARVEL ONCE MORE BECOMES BILLY BATSON JUST AS THE RED THUNDERBOLT WINS THE RACE - AND $100,000 FOR "LONG SHOT" LOUIS LUPO.

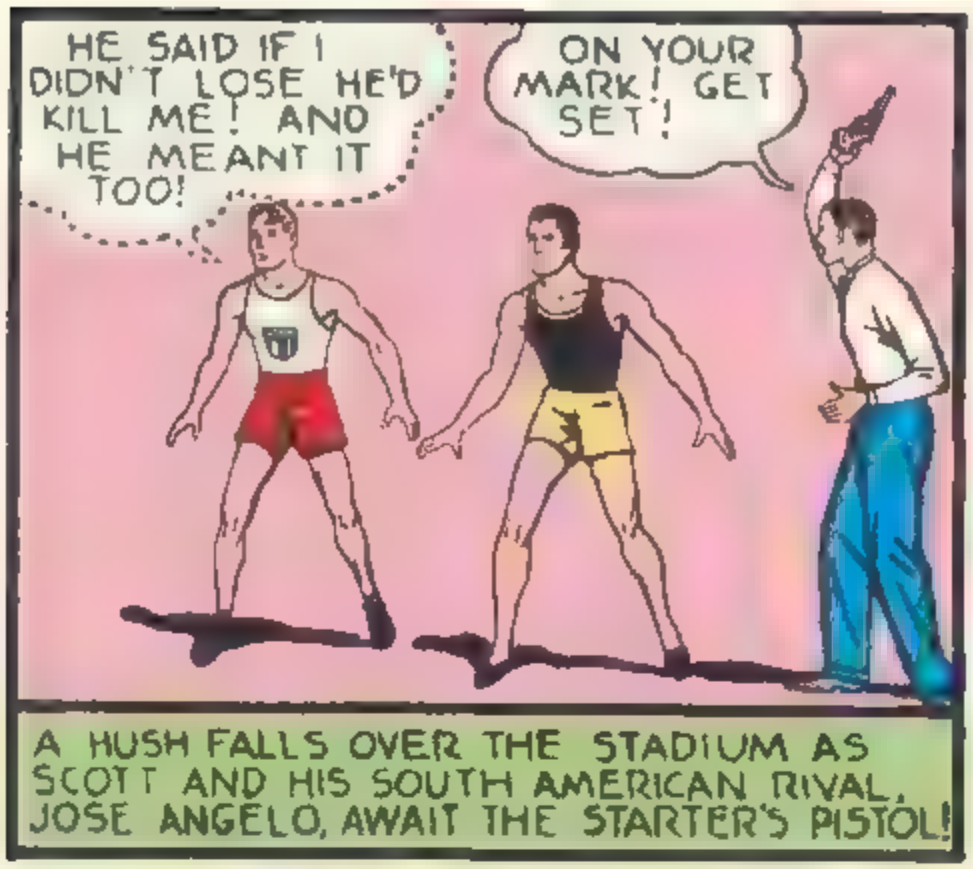
A FEW DAYS LATER NEWSPAPERS HAIL THE "MILE OF THE CENTURY" FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA.

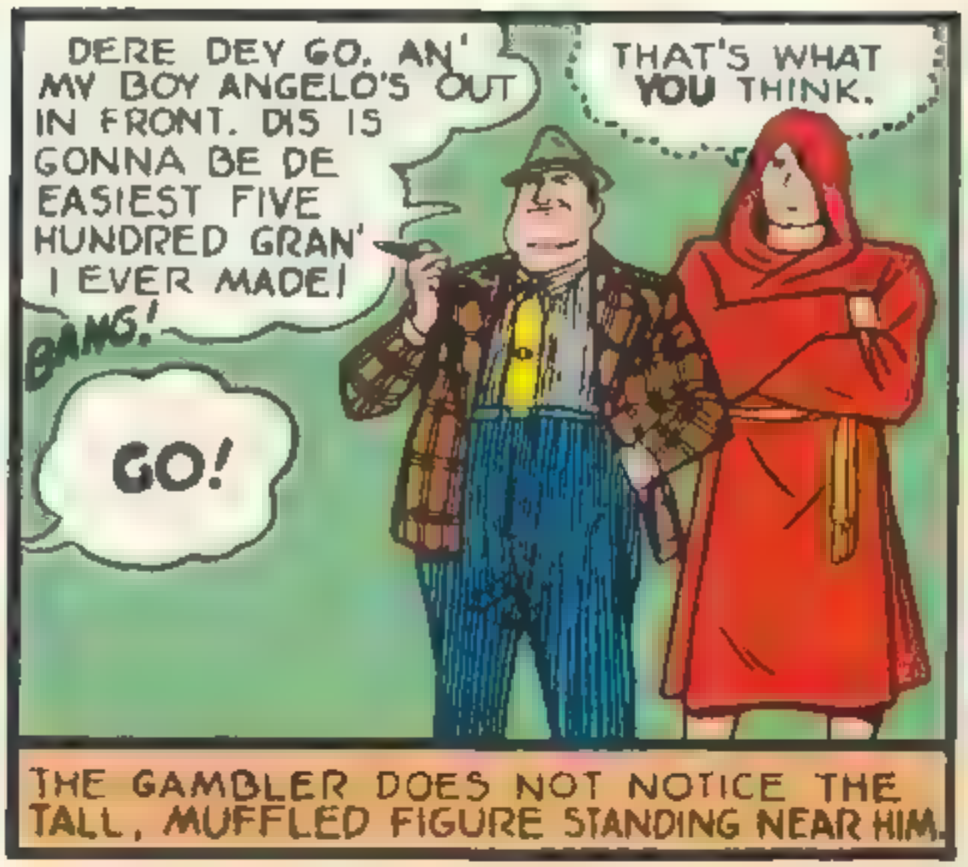


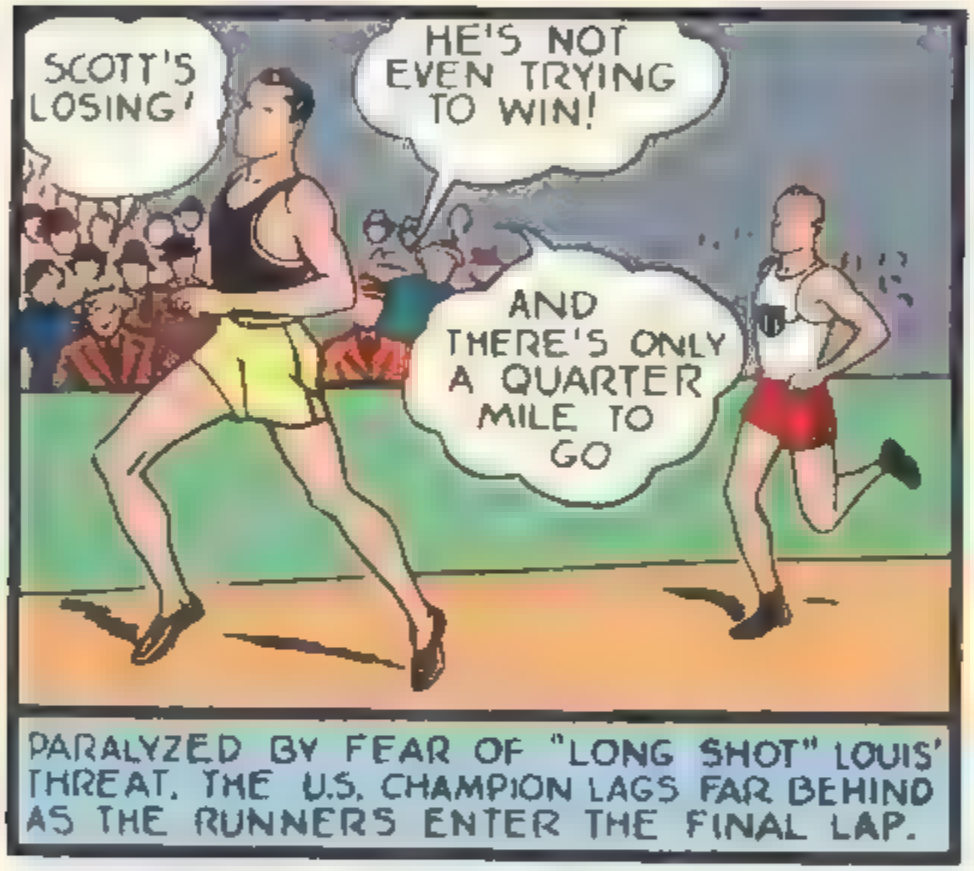
IN THE DRESSING ROOM JUST BEFORE THE RACE, "LONG-SHOT" LOUIS LUPO THREATENS JACK SCOTT, U.S. MILE CHAMPION.

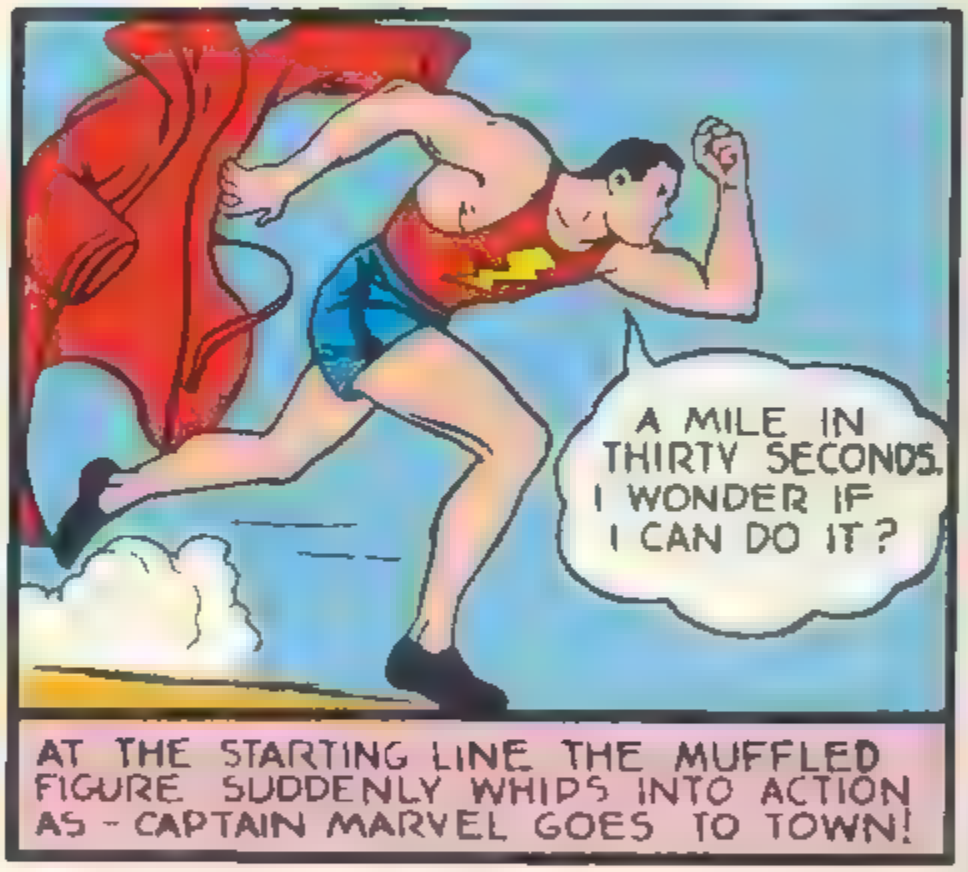


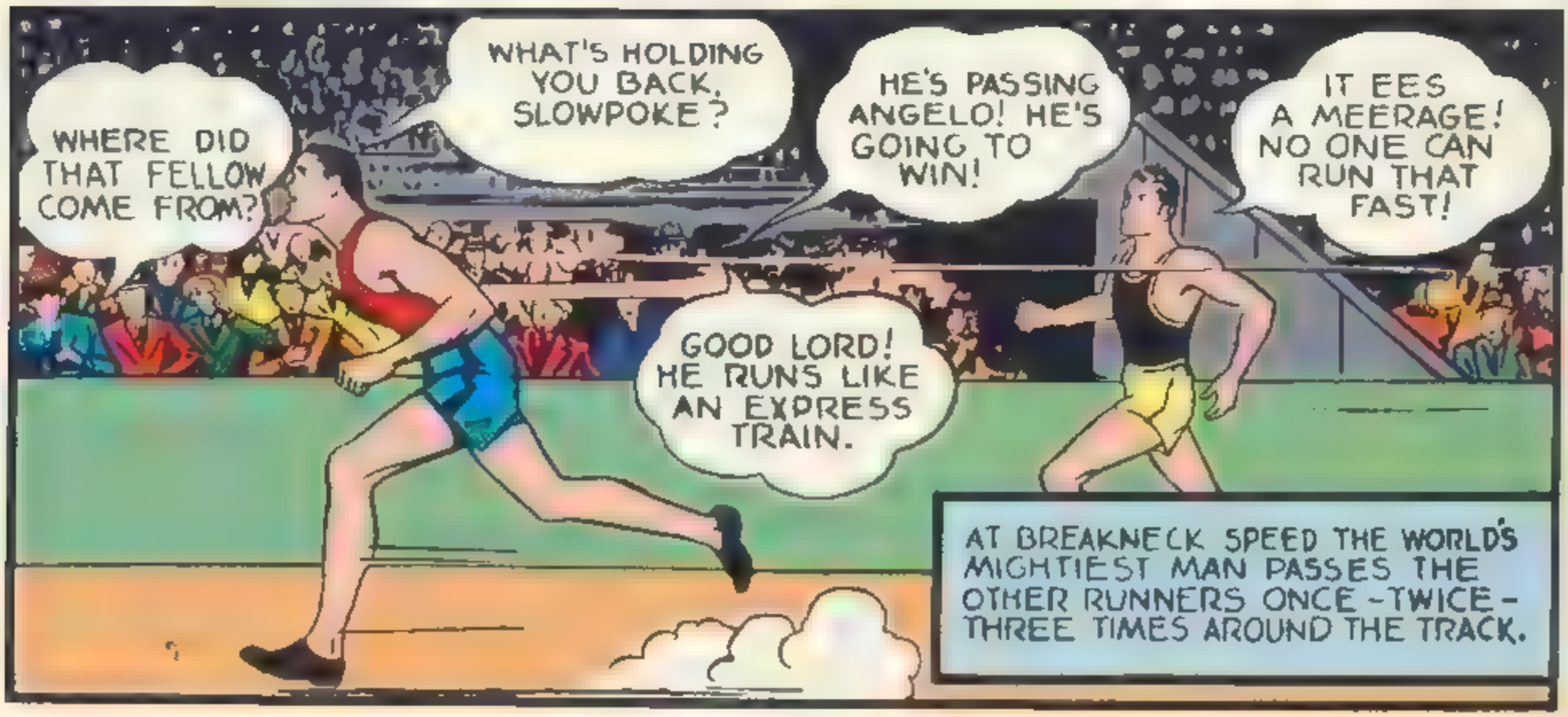
IN VAIN BILLY TRIES TO REASSURE THE FRIGHTENED RUNNER.


HE SAID IF I DIDN'T LOSE HE'D KILL ME! AND HE MEANT IT TOO!
ON YOUR MARK! GET SET!
A HUSH FALLS OVER THE STADIUM AS SCOTT AND HIS SOUTH AMERICAN RIVAL, JOSE ANGELO, AWAIT THE STARTER'S PISTOL!

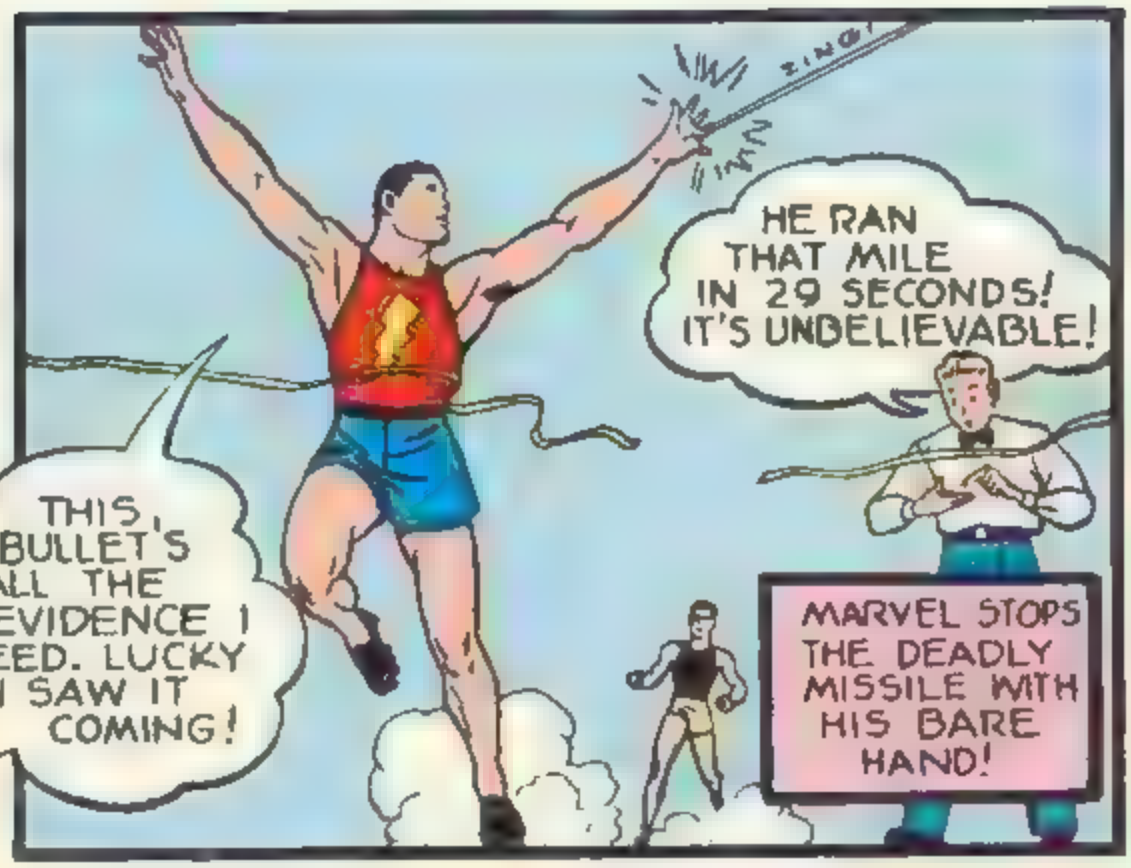

DERE DEY GO. AN' MY BOY ANGELO'S OUT IN FRONT. DIS IS GONNA BE DE EASIEST FIVE HUNDRED GRAN' I EVER MADE!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK.
BANG!
GO!
THE GAMBLER DOES NOT NOTICE THE TALL, MUFFLED FIGURE STANDING NEAR HIM.

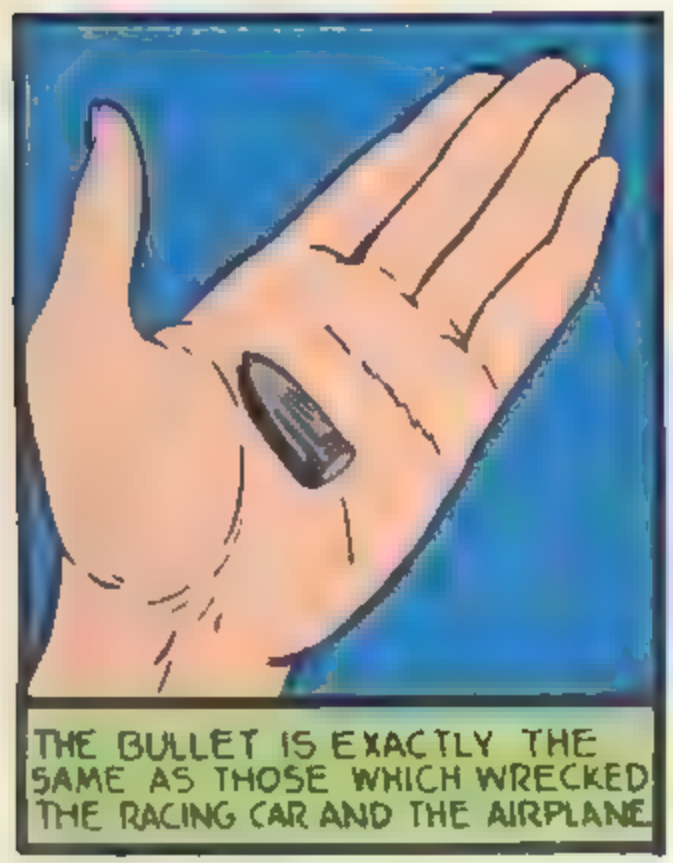

SCOTT'S LOSING!
HE'S NOT EVEN TRYING TO WIN!
AND THERE'S ONLY A QUARTER MILE TO GO
PARALYZED BY FEAR OF "LONG SHOT" LOUIS' THREAT, THE U.S. CHAMPION LAGS FAR BEHIND AS THE RUNNERS ENTER THE FINAL LAP.


A MILE IN THIRTY SECONDS. I WONDER IF I CAN DO IT?
AT THE STARTING LINE THE MUFFLED FIGURE SUDDENLY WHIPS INTO ACTION AS - CAPTAIN MARVEL GOES TO TOWN!

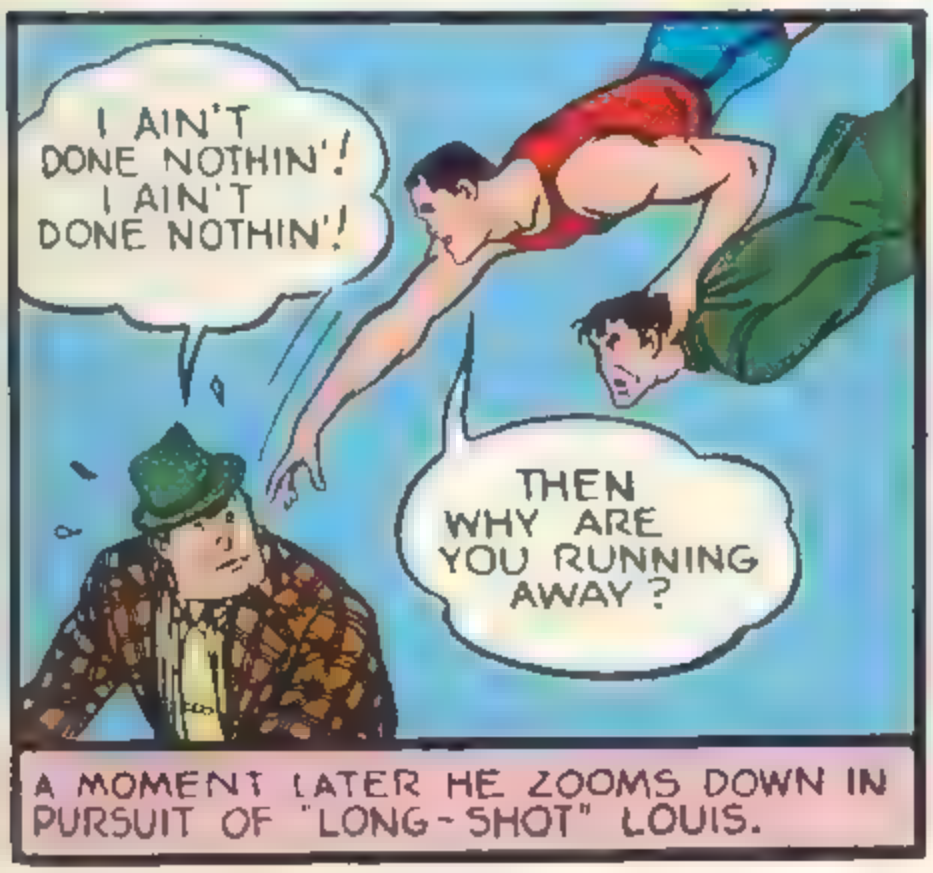

WHERE DID THAT FELLOW COME FROM?
WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK, SLOWPOKE?
HE'S PASSING ANGELO! HE'S GOING TO WIN!
IT EES A MEERAGE! NO ONE CAN RUN THAT FAST!
GOOD LORD! HE RUNS LIKE AN EXPRESS TRAIN.
AT BREAKNECK SPEED THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN PASSES THE OTHER RUNNERS ONCE - TWICE - THREE TIMES AROUND THE TRACK.

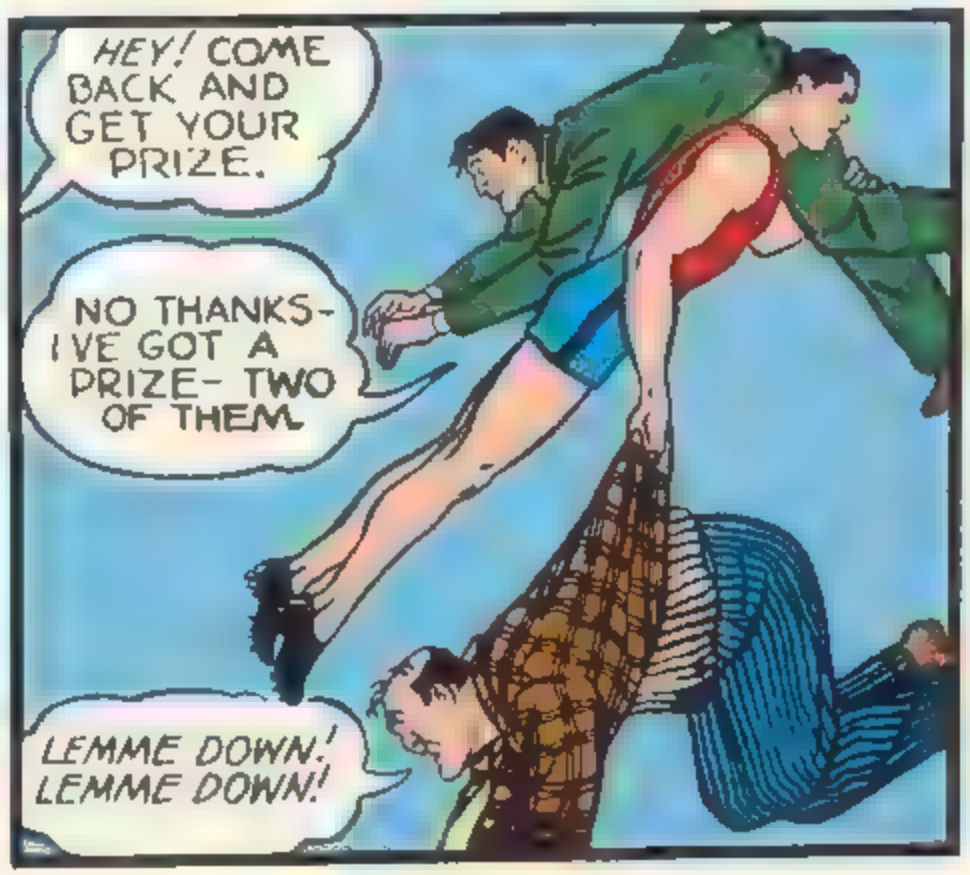
DAT GUY RUINED DA BOSS'S FIVE HUN'RED GRAN' BET! WELL, I'M GONNA RUIN HIM!
ENRAGED "LONG-SHOT" LOUIS' RIFLEMAN RAISES HIS SILENCER-EQUIPPED WEAPON AS MARVEL RACES TOWARD THE FINISH TAPE A CERTAIN WINNER.

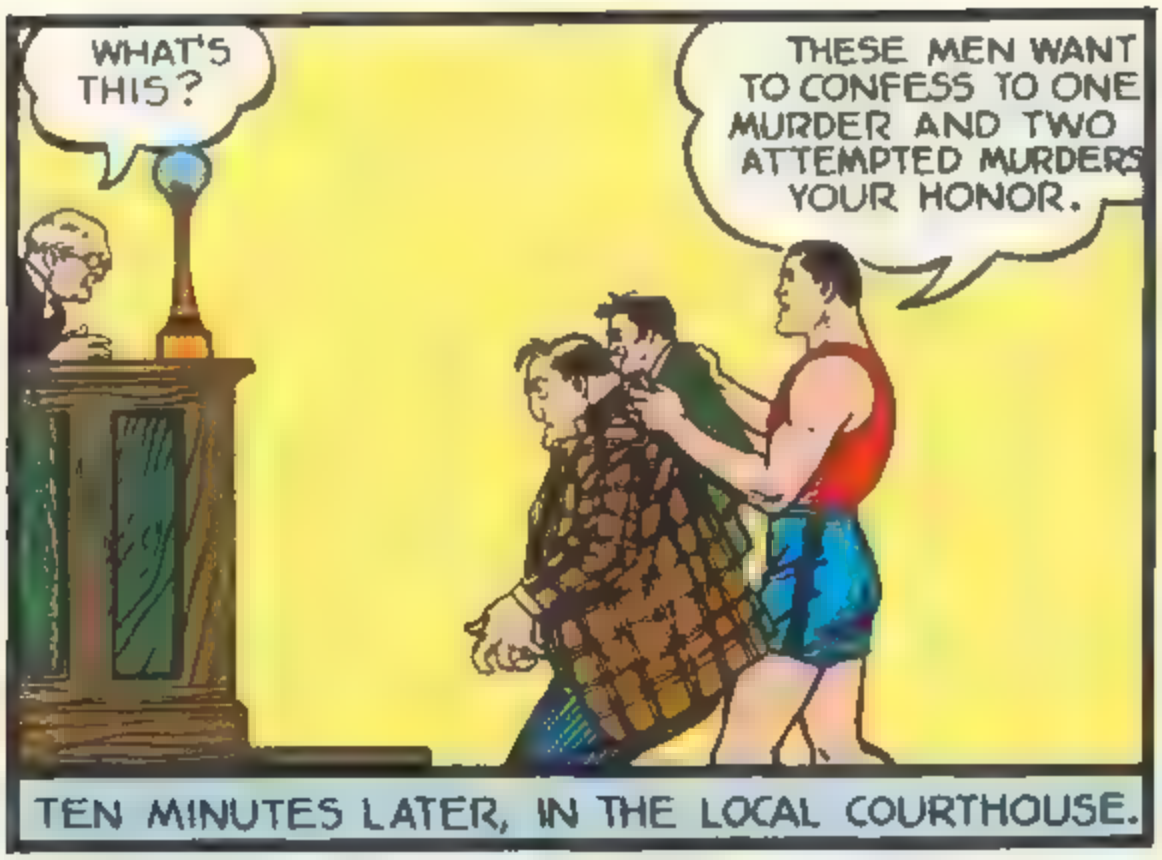

THIS BULLET'S ALL THE EVIDENCE I NEED. LUCKY I SAW IT COMING!
HE RAN THAT MILE IN 29 SECONDS! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!
MARVEL STOPS THE DEADLY MISSILE WITH HIS BARE HAND!

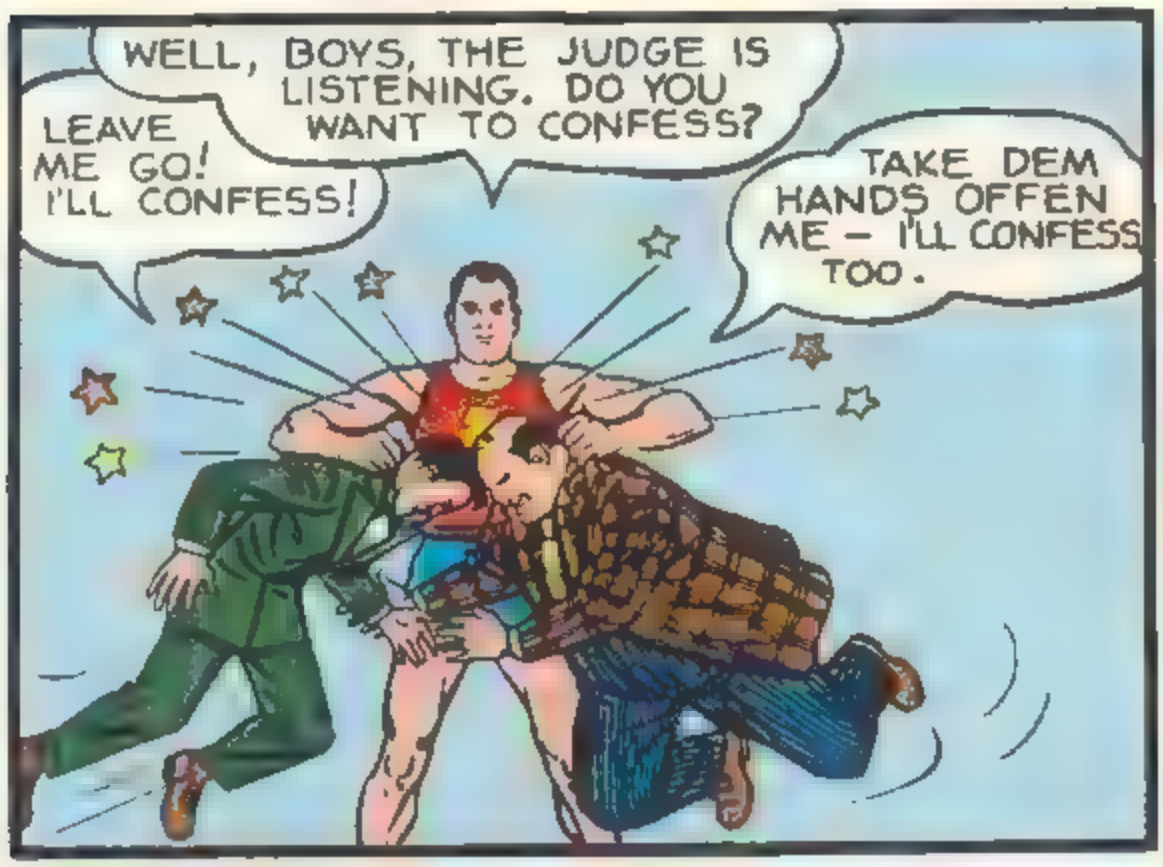

THE BULLET IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS THOSE WHICH WRECKED THE RACING CAR AND THE AIRPLANE.

NOT SO FAST, YOU. I WANT TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH YOU AND YOUR BOSS.
DAT GUY'S A WILD MAN! I'M SCRAMMIN'.
AS THE TERRIFIED MARKSMAN TRIES TO FLEE, MARVEL DIVES AFTER HIM.


I AIN'T DONE NOTHIN'! I AIN'T DONE NOTHIN'!
THEN WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?
A MOMENT LATER HE ZOOMS DOWN IN PURSUIT OF "LONG-SHOT" LOUIS.


HEY! COME BACK AND GET YOUR PRIZE.
NO THANKS- I'VE GOT A PRIZE- TWO OF THEM.
LEMME DOWN! LEMME DOWN!





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FOLKS, TONIGHT I'VE GOT A STORY THAT'S ALMOST TOO FANTASTIC TO BELIEVE. IT SEEMS—

CAPTAIN (BILLY BATSON) MARVEL, WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN, SPANS THE UNIVERSE TO FOIL A PLOT OF EPOCH-MAKING PROPORTIONS.

ON HIS PRIVATE NEWS TELECASTER BILLY BATSON, RADIO REPORTER, SEES—

SON OF A GUN! LOOK AT THAT!

CLICK CLICK

—A STARTLING REPORT.

LOOKS LIKE DIRTY WORK IN DENMARK.

INSURANCE COMPANIES FACING RUIN..LOSS 10 TIMES MORE THAN IN 1939.. OFFICIALS WORRIED..FEAR HUGE PLOT..

YOU SAY THERE HAS BEEN TEN TIMES AS MUCH DAMAGE BY TORNADO, HAIL STORMS, CYCLONES, EARTHQUAKES AND FLOODS AS THERE WAS LAST YEAR?

YES. AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANIES HAVE ALREADY LOST $300,000,000!

THAT AFTERNOON HE VISITS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

IF THESE STORMS CONTINUE, EVERY INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE COUNTRY WILL BE DRIVEN OUT OF BUSINESS.

HAS ANY COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL BENEFITED ESPECIALLY FROM THESE STORMS?

YES. MOST OF THE PROPERTY DESTROYED WAS OWNED BY THE **WORLD REALTY COMPANY.**

NOT A VERY ATTRACTIVE-LOOKING PLACE.

WORLD REALTY CO.

AN HOUR LATER BILLY STOPS IN AT THE OFFICE OF THE WORLD REALTY COMPANY.

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT, PLEASE.

WE LEAVE FROM HERE AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.

THERE'S NOBODY IN. BEAT IT, KID.

OKAY, BOSS.

BUT THE RECEPTIONIST REFUSES TO LET HIM TALK TO ANYONE.

WHAT'S DIS BRAT WANT?

HE WANTS TO SEE THE PRESIDENT.

SUDDENLY A ROUGH LOOKING MAN EMERGES FROM THE INNER ROOM.

WITHOUT EXPLANATION, THE MAN THROWS HIM OUT OF THE BUILDING.

AND STAY OUT, SEE?

BUT I ONLY WANTED TO–

THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON.

RESOLVED TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY, BILLY CALLS ON A FAMOUS WEATHER EXPERT.

CAN YOU TELL ME WHY THERE HAVE BEEN TEN TIMES AS MANY STORMS THIS YEAR AS THERE WERE LAST YEAR?

PROBABLY IT'S CAUSED BY PLANETARY DISTURBANCES.

THAT NIGHT, JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT, HE RETURNS TO THE WORLD REALTY COMPANY BUILDING.

I THINK I'LL LOOK AROUND A BIT.

A ROCKET SHIP!

BEHIND THE BUILDING HE MAKES A DISCOVERY!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN A STOWAWAY.

BILLY HIDES ABOARD THE ROCKET SHIP.

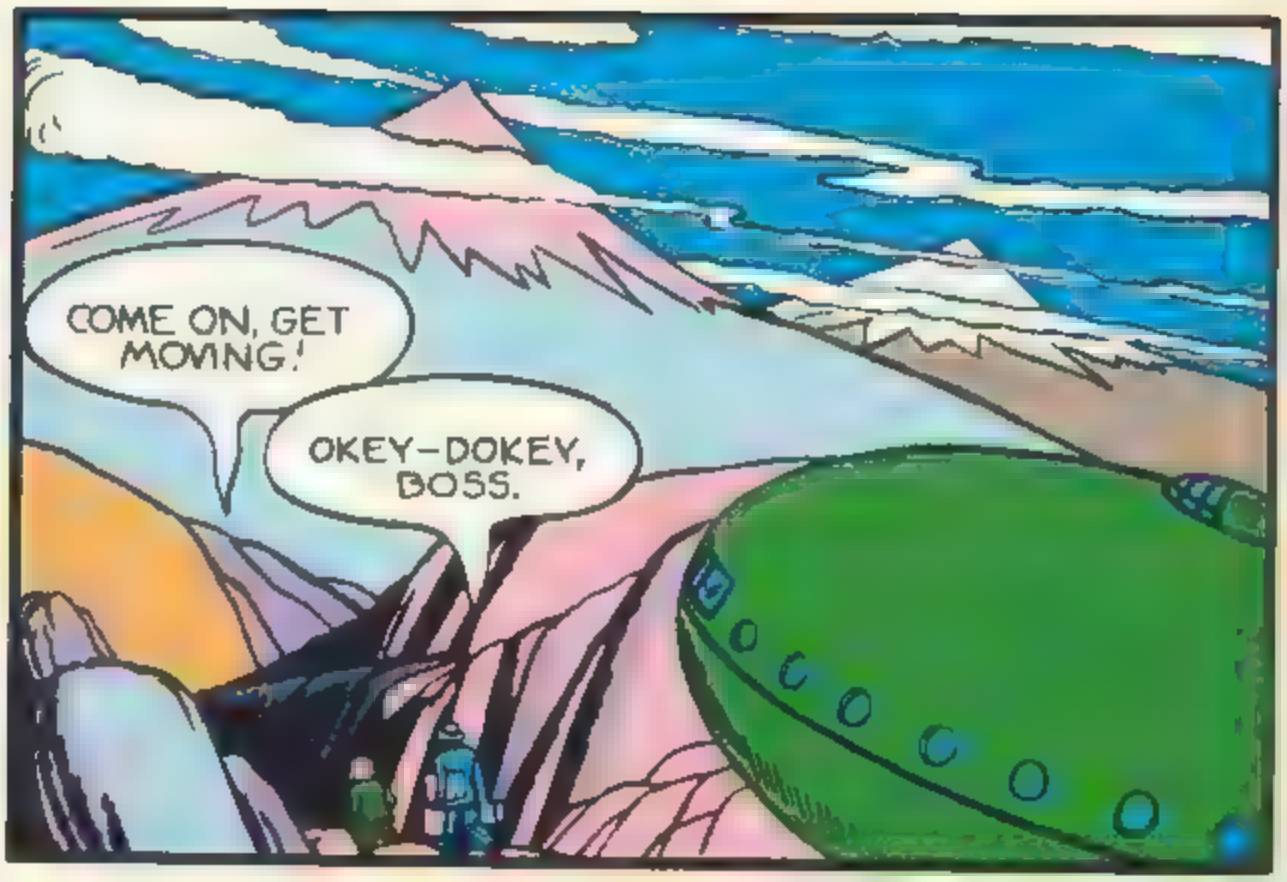
PROMPTLY AT MIDNIGHT SIVANA, MAD SCIENTIST OF DESTRUCTION, APPEARS WITH HIS ACCOMPLICE.

HURRY UP, YOU IDIOT.

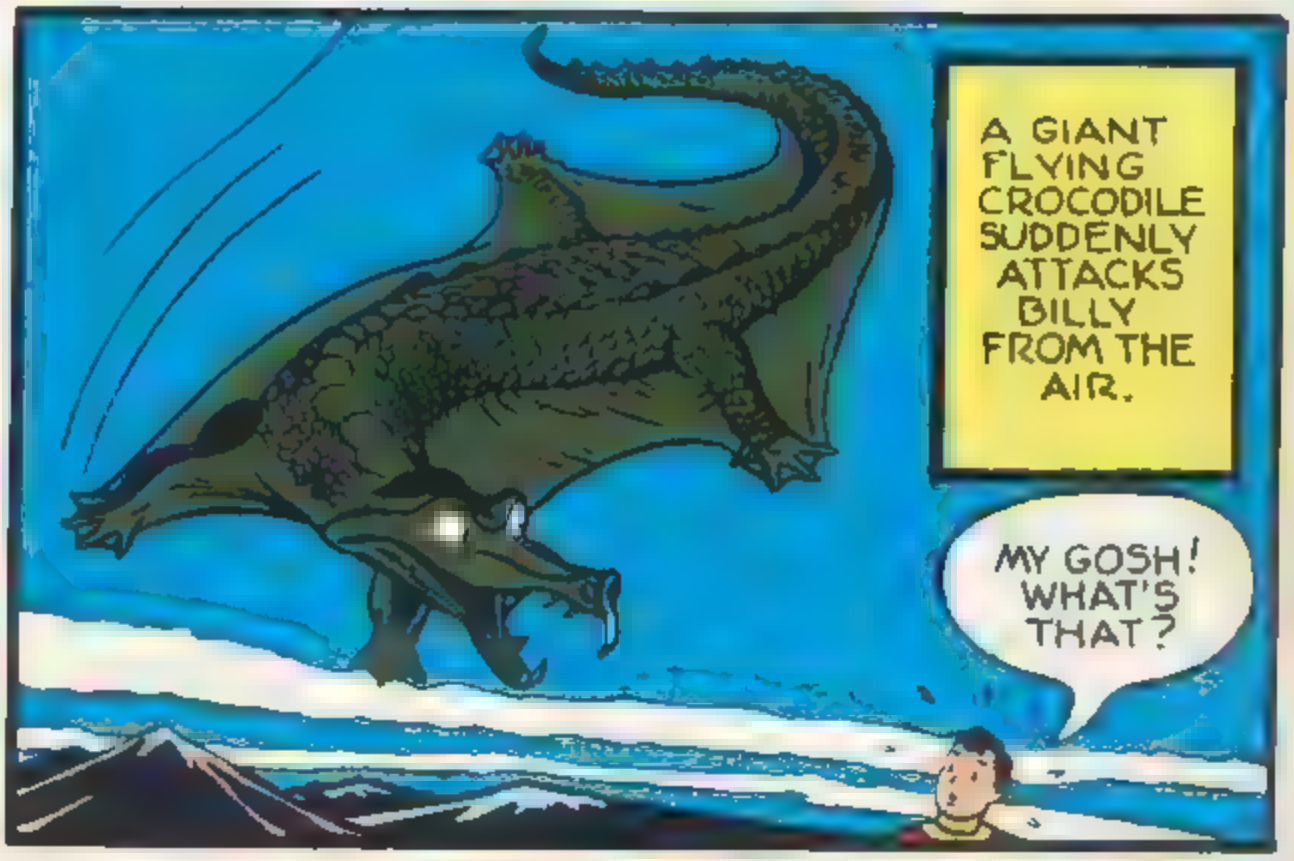
YOWSAH, BOSS.

AND THE ROCKET SHIP ZOOMS OFF INTO THE NIGHT.

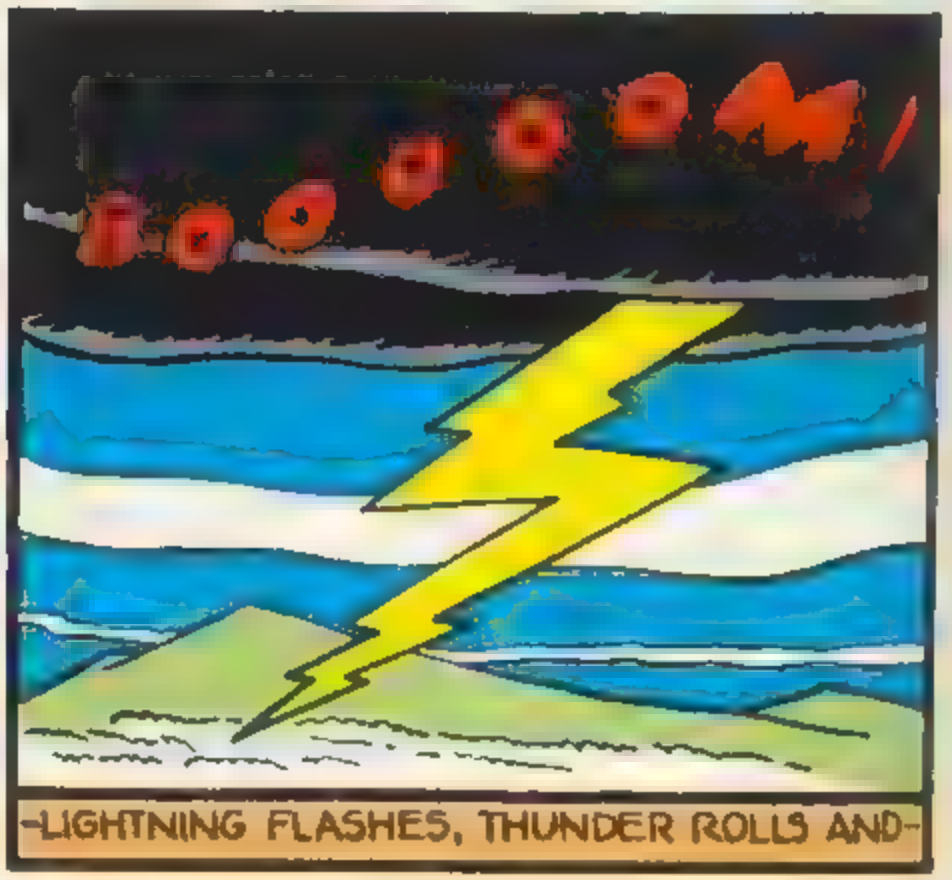
WITHIN A FEW HOURS IT LANDS ON VENUS, NEAREST PLANET TO THE EARTH.


COME ON, GET MOVING!
OKEY-DOKEY, BOSS.

AND A MOMENT LATER THE ROCKET SHIP'S STOWAWAY APPEARS.
I'D BETTER HURRY BEFORE THEY GET OUT OF SIGHT.


A GIANT FLYING CROCODILE SUDDENLY ATTACKS BILLY FROM THE AIR.
MY GOSH! WHAT'S THAT?

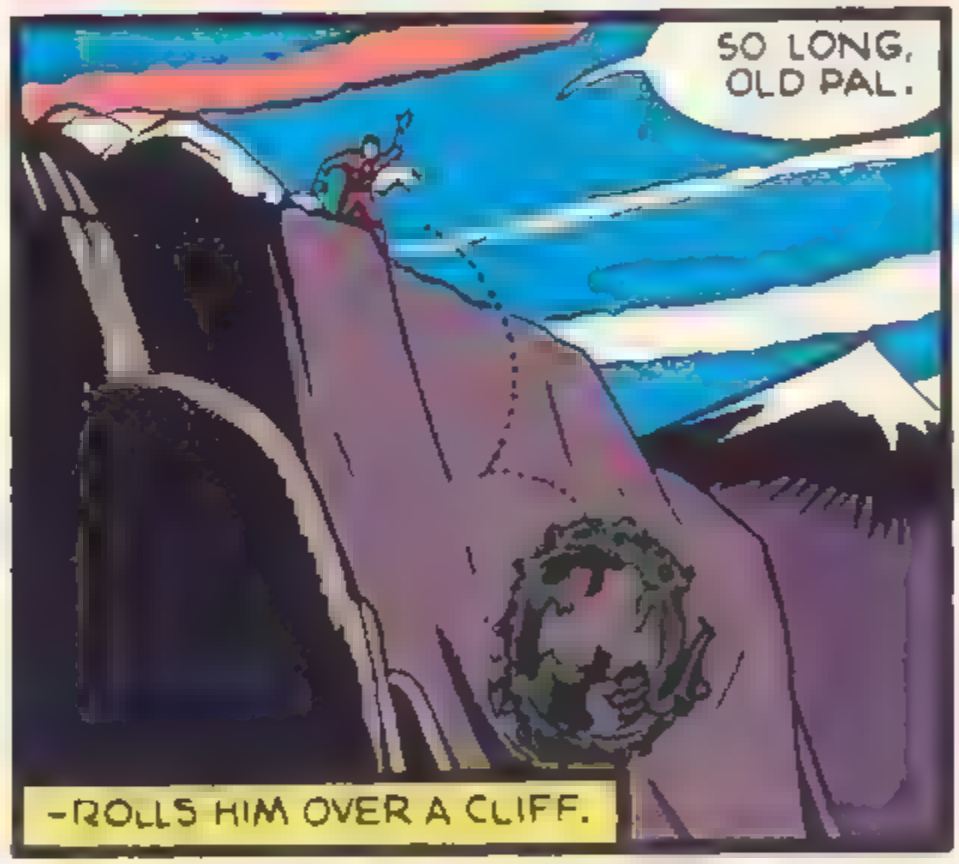
SHAZAM!
AS HE SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD-


-LIGHTNING FLASHES, THUNDER ROLLS AND-

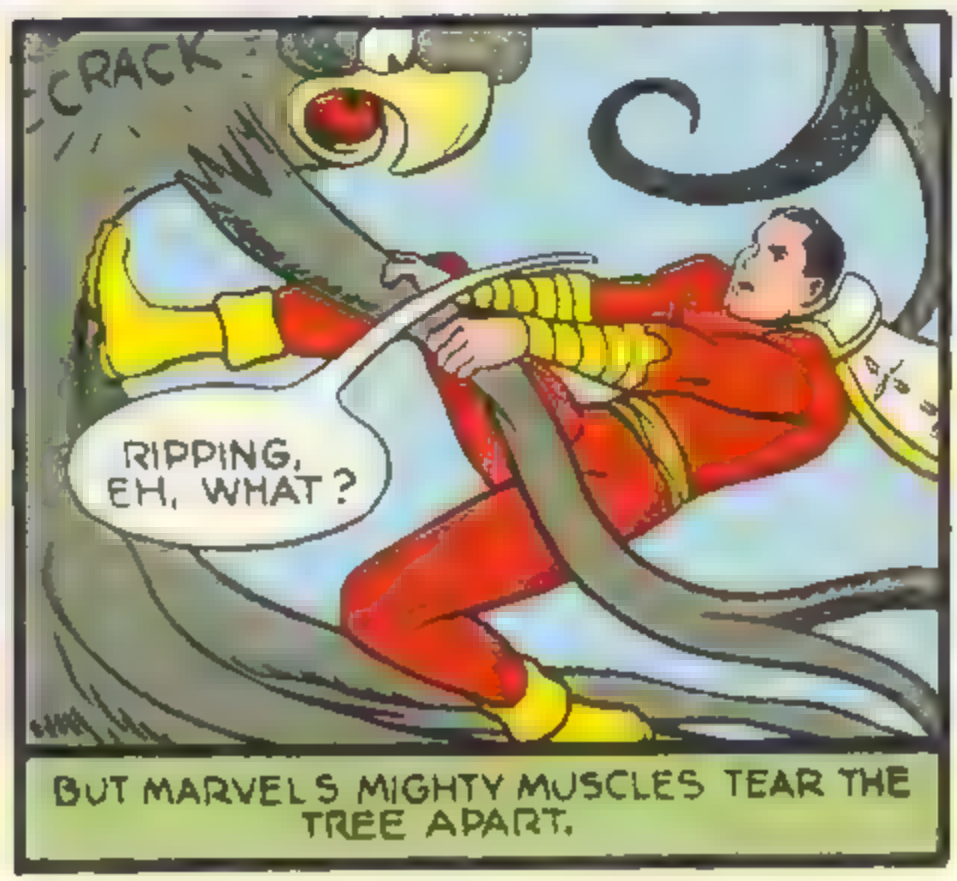
NOW WE'RE EVENLY MATCHED, SPORT.
-CAPT. MARVEL SPRINGS FOR THE MIGHTY REPTILE.

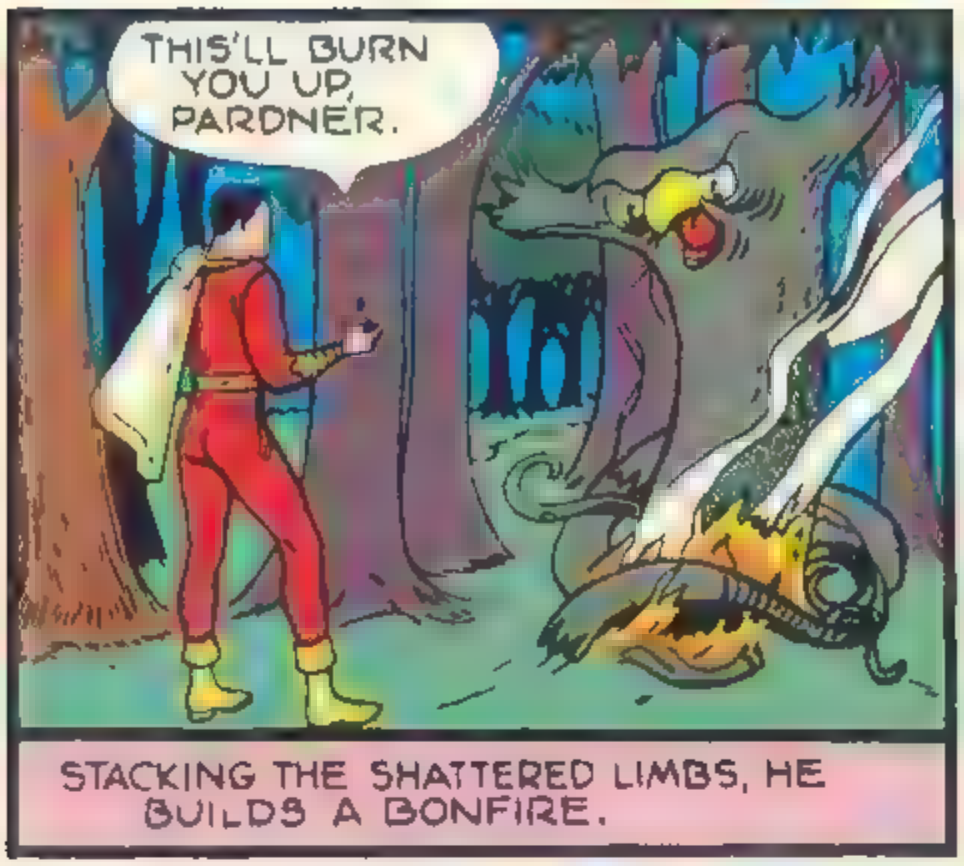
HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE.
AK! AK! AK! AK!
PLAYING BOTH ENDS AGAINST THE MIDDLE-

♫ BUT OLD MAN CROCO, HE JUST KEEPS ROLLING A-LONG. ♫
-MARVEL TURNS THE BEAST INTO A HOOP AND-


SO LONG, OLD PAL.
-ROLLS HIM OVER A CLIFF.

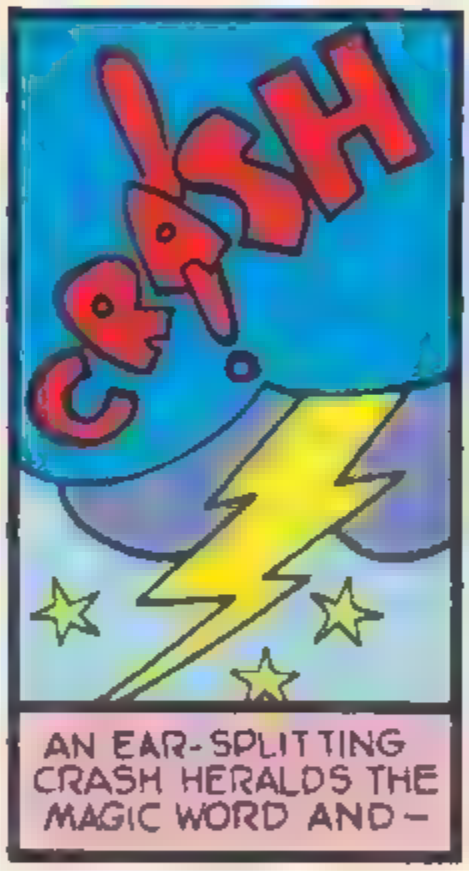
OH, OH! MORE TROUBLE!
AS HE HURRIES ALONG A WOODLAND PATH, A DEADLY TENTACLE TREE REACHES FOR HIM.

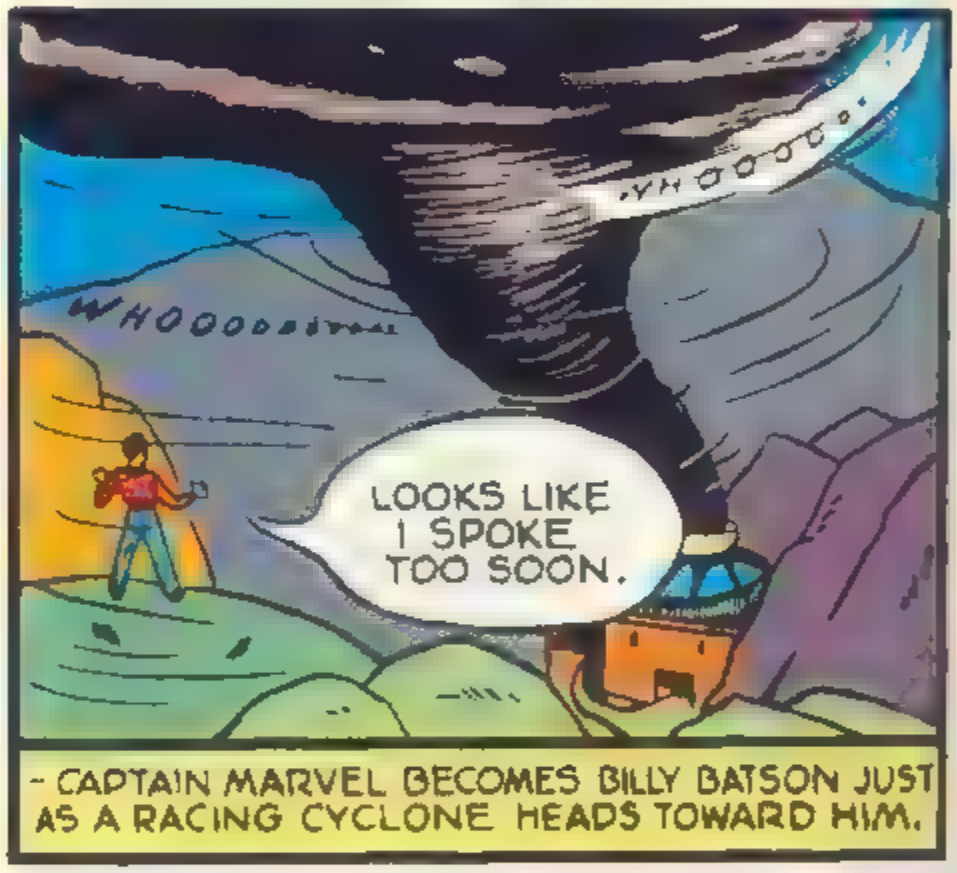

CRACK
RIPPING, EH, WHAT?
BUT MARVEL'S MIGHTY MUSCLES TEAR THE TREE APART.

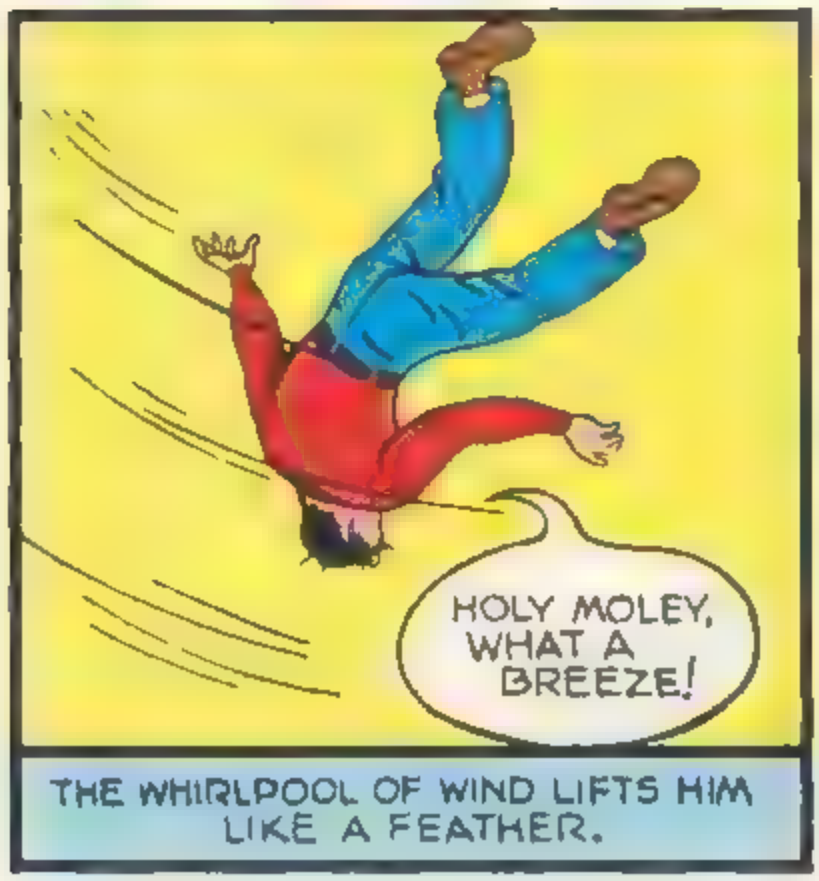

THIS'LL BURN YOU UP, PARDNER.
STACKING THE SHATTERED LIMBS, HE BUILDS A BONFIRE.

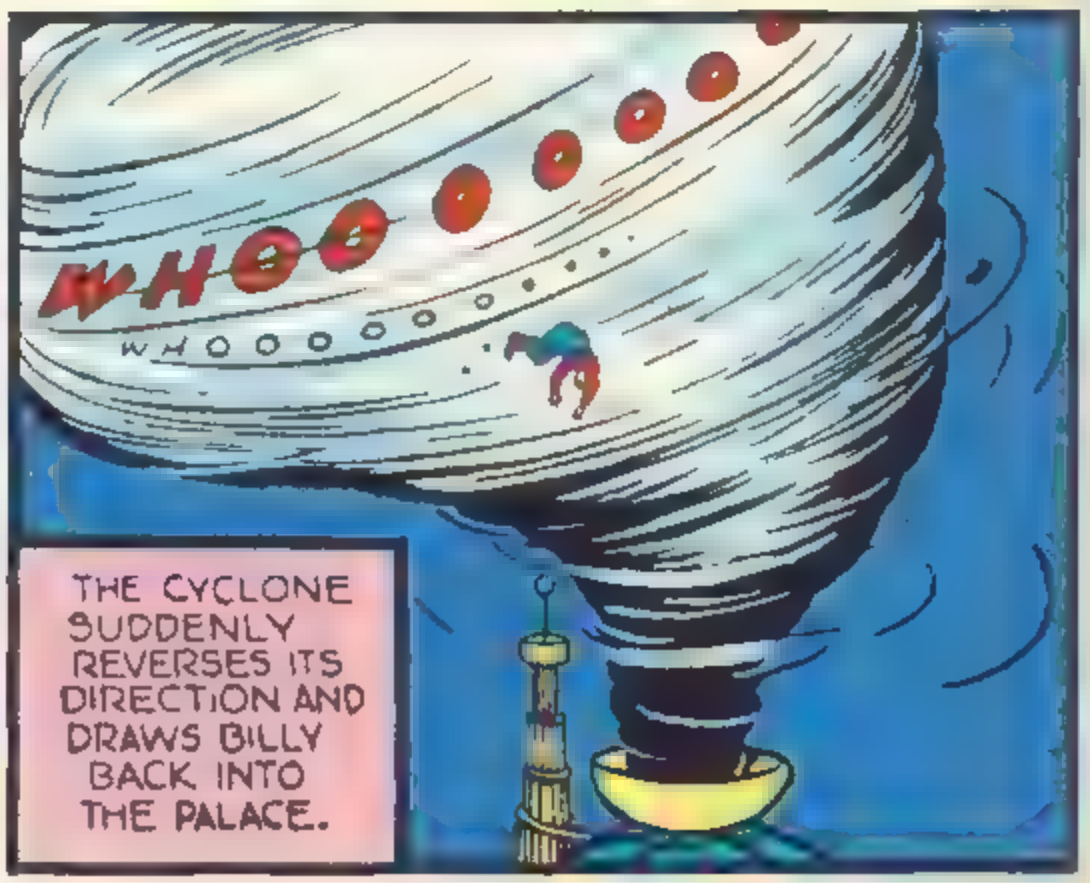
SO THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE GOING.
CONTINUING HE CATCHES SIGHT OF SIVANA AND HIS HENCHMAN ENTERING A MAGNIFICENT PALACE

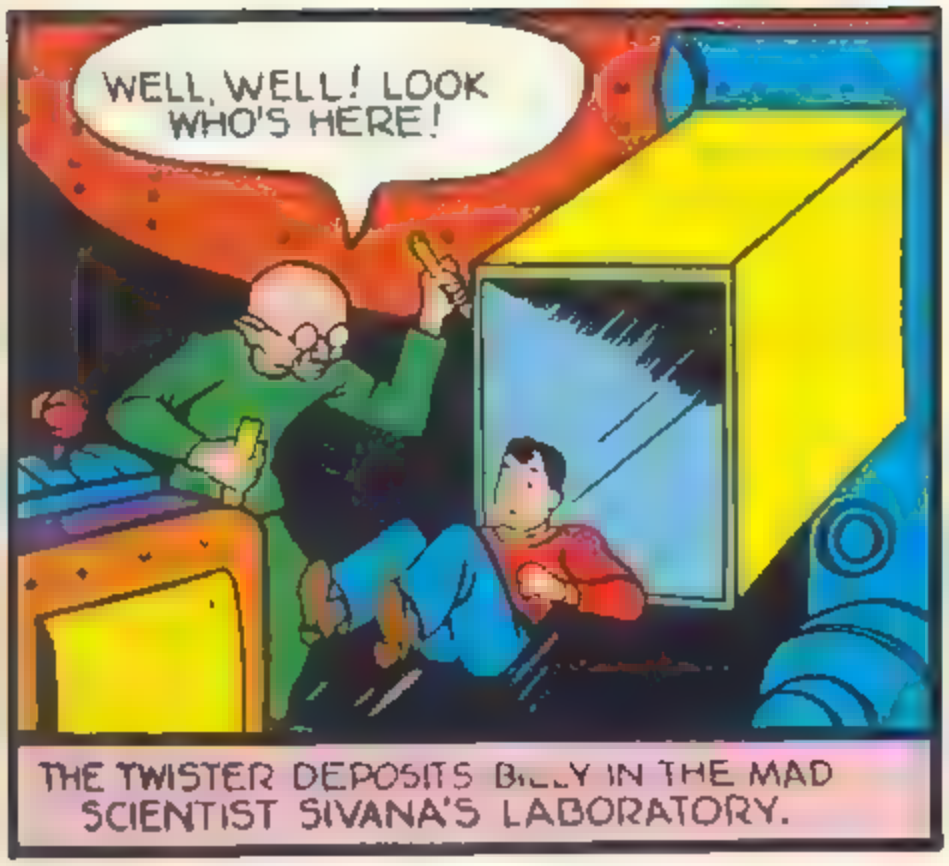
THE SMALLER I AM NOW, THE BETTER. SHAZAM!

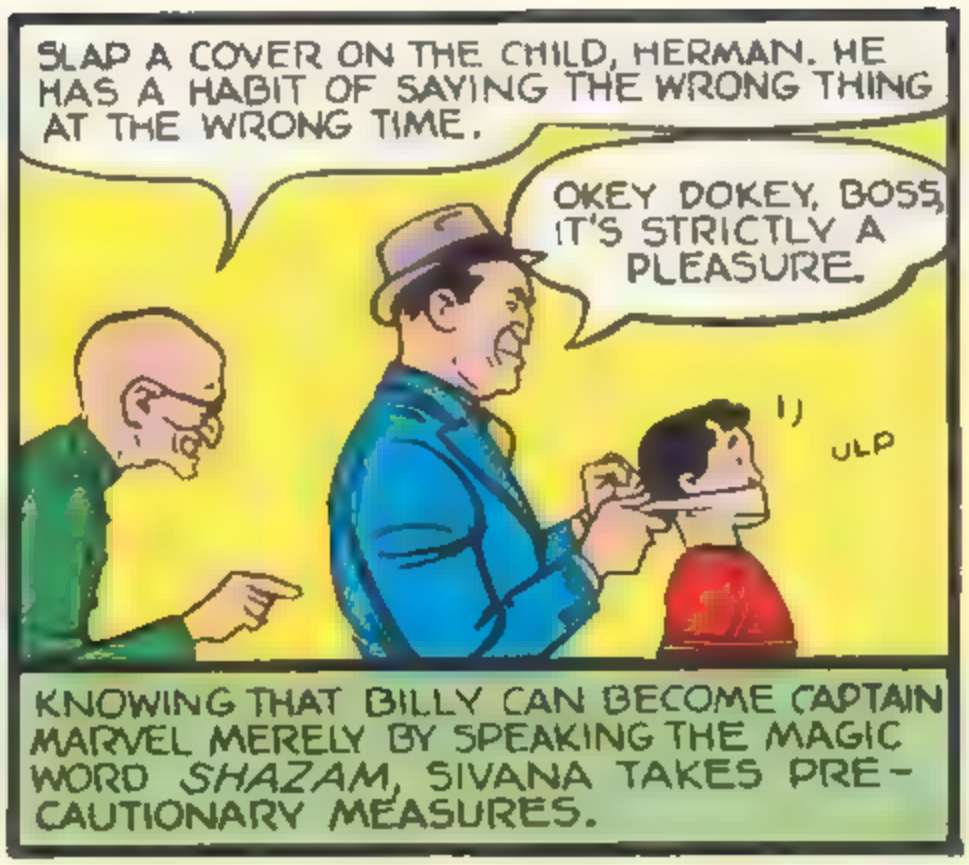

CRASH
AN EAR-SPLITTING CRASH HERALDS THE MAGIC WORD AND—


WHOOOOOOOOO
WHOOOOOOOOO
LOOKS LIKE I SPOKE TOO SOON.
—CAPTAIN MARVEL BECOMES BILLY BATSON JUST AS A RACING CYCLONE HEADS TOWARD HIM.


HOLY MOLEY, WHAT A BREEZE!
THE WHIRLPOOL OF WIND LIFTS HIM LIKE A FEATHER.


WHOO
WHOOOOOOOOO
THE CYCLONE SUDDENLY REVERSES ITS DIRECTION AND DRAWS BILLY BACK INTO THE PALACE.


WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO'S HERE!
THE TWISTER DEPOSITS BILLY IN THE MAD SCIENTIST SIVANA'S LABORATORY.


SLAP A COVER ON THE CHILD, HERMAN. HE HAS A HABIT OF SAYING THE WRONG THING AT THE WRONG TIME.
OKEY DOKEY, BOSS, IT'S STRICTLY A PLEASURE.
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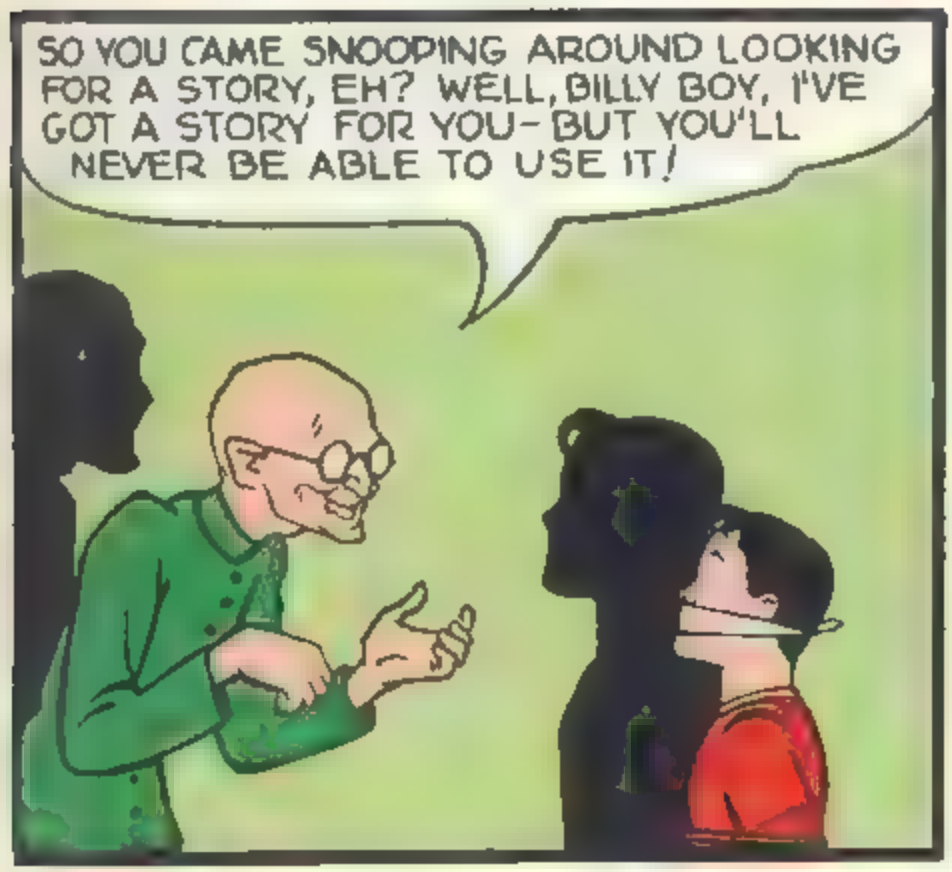
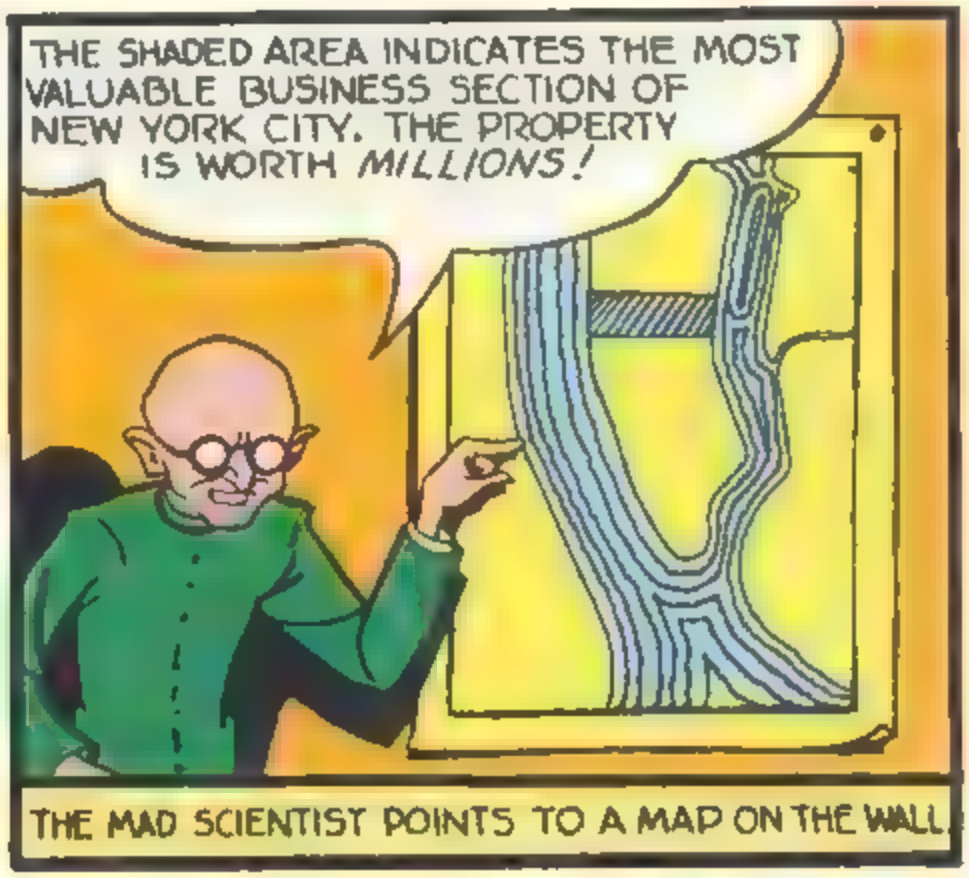
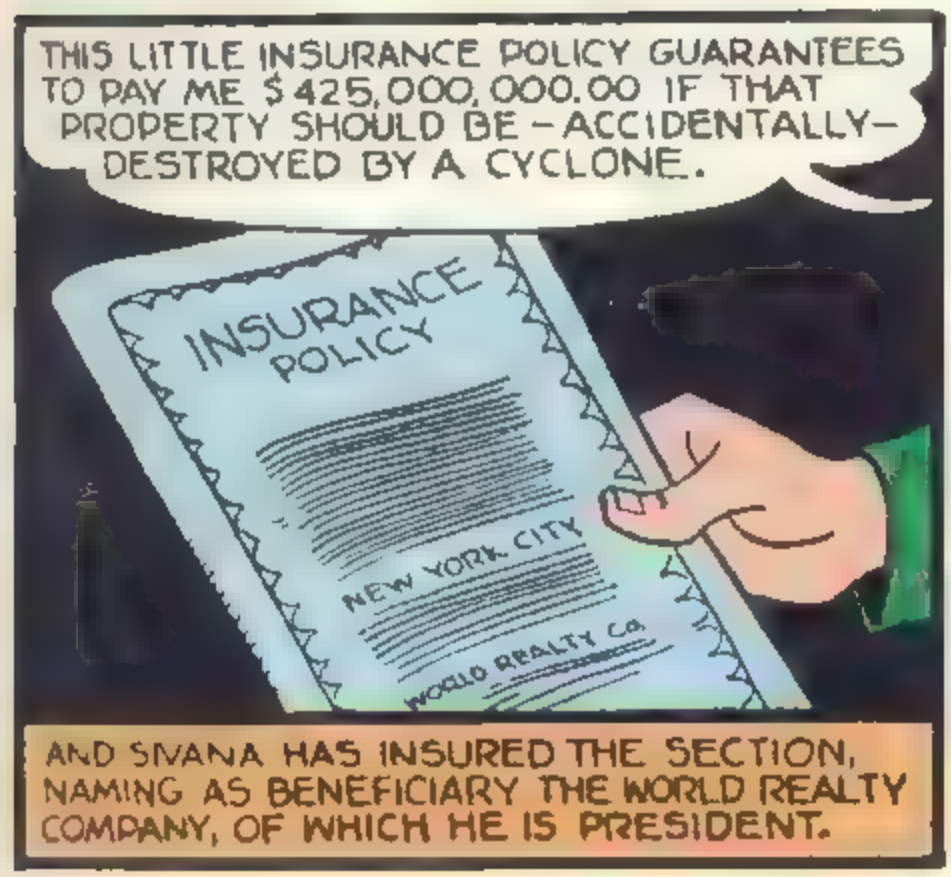
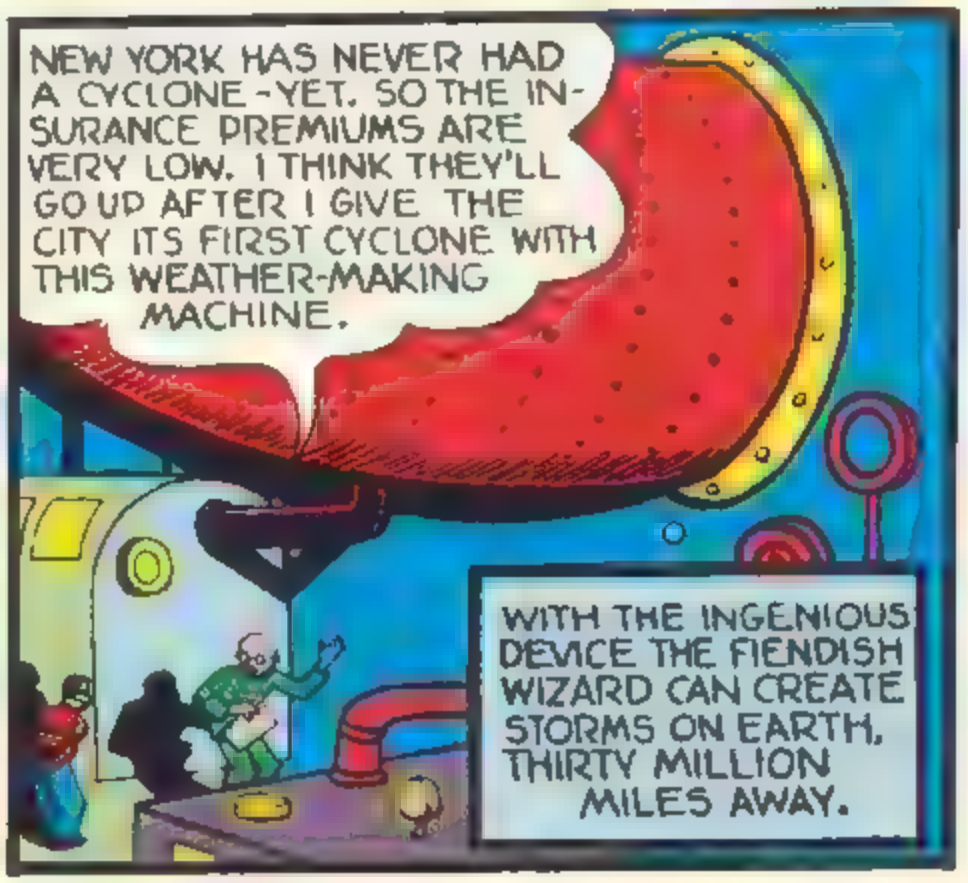
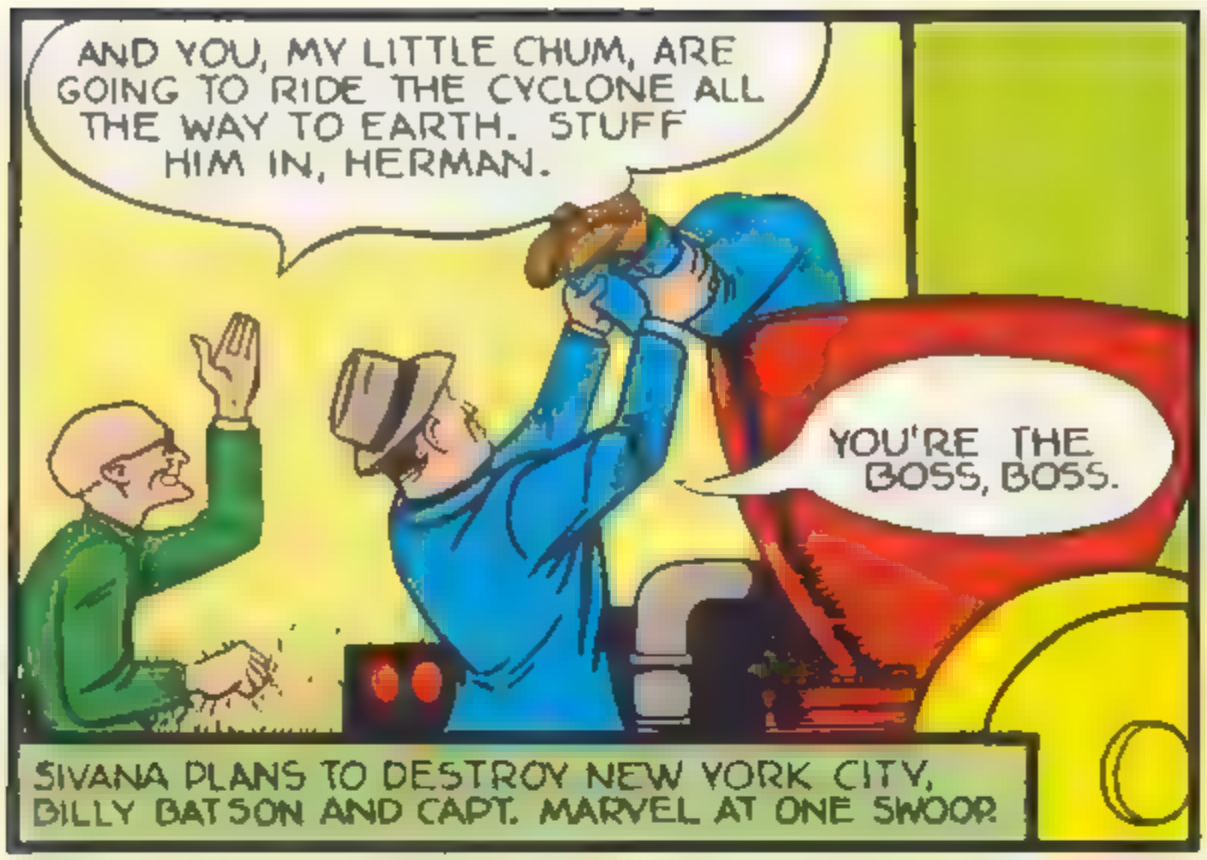
KNOWING THAT BILLY CAN BECOME CAPTAIN MARVEL MERELY BY SPEAKING THE MAGIC WORD *SHAZAM*, SIVANA TAKES PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES.


SO YOU CAME SNOOPING AROUND LOOKING FOR A STORY, EH? WELL, BILLY BOY, I'VE GOT A STORY FOR YOU - BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO USE IT!

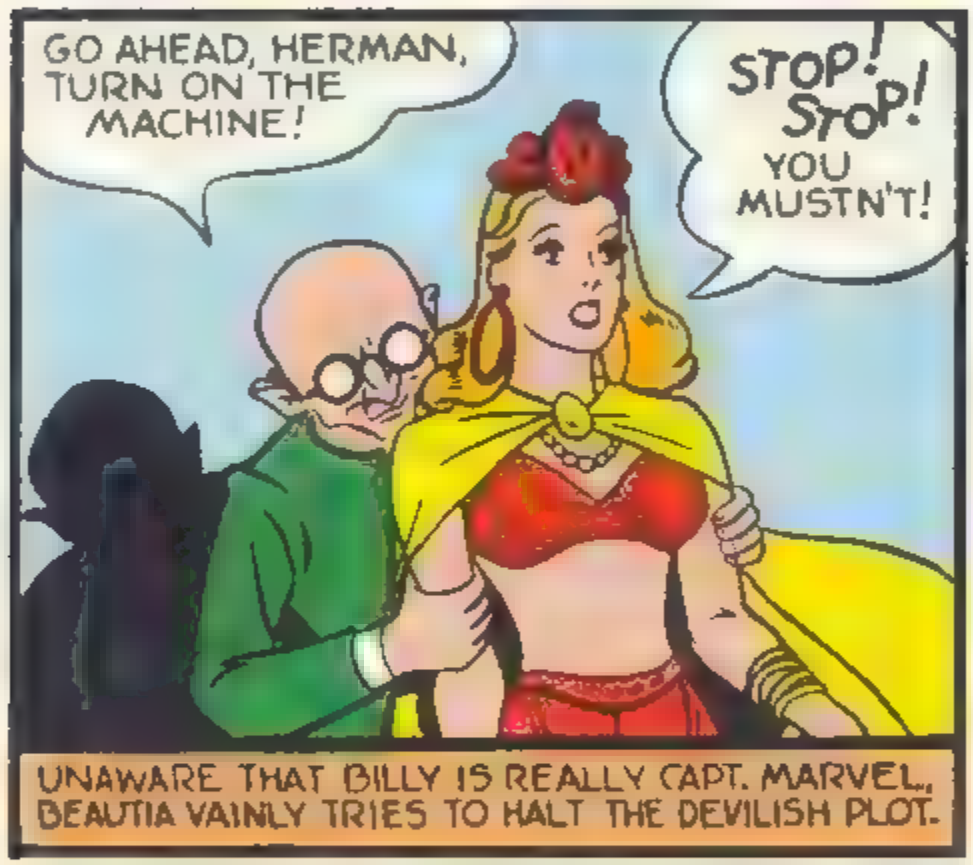

THE SHADED AREA INDICATES THE MOST VALUABLE BUSINESS SECTION OF NEW YORK CITY. THE PROPERTY IS WORTH *MILLIONS!*
THE MAD SCIENTIST POINTS TO A MAP ON THE WALL.


THIS LITTLE INSURANCE POLICY GUARANTEES TO PAY ME $425,000,000.00 IF THAT PROPERTY SHOULD BE - ACCIDENTALLY - DESTROYED BY A CYCLONE.
INSURANCE POLICY
NEW YORK CITY
WORLD REALTY CO.
AND SIVANA HAS INSURED THE SECTION, NAMING AS BENEFICIARY THE WORLD REALTY COMPANY, OF WHICH HE IS PRESIDENT.

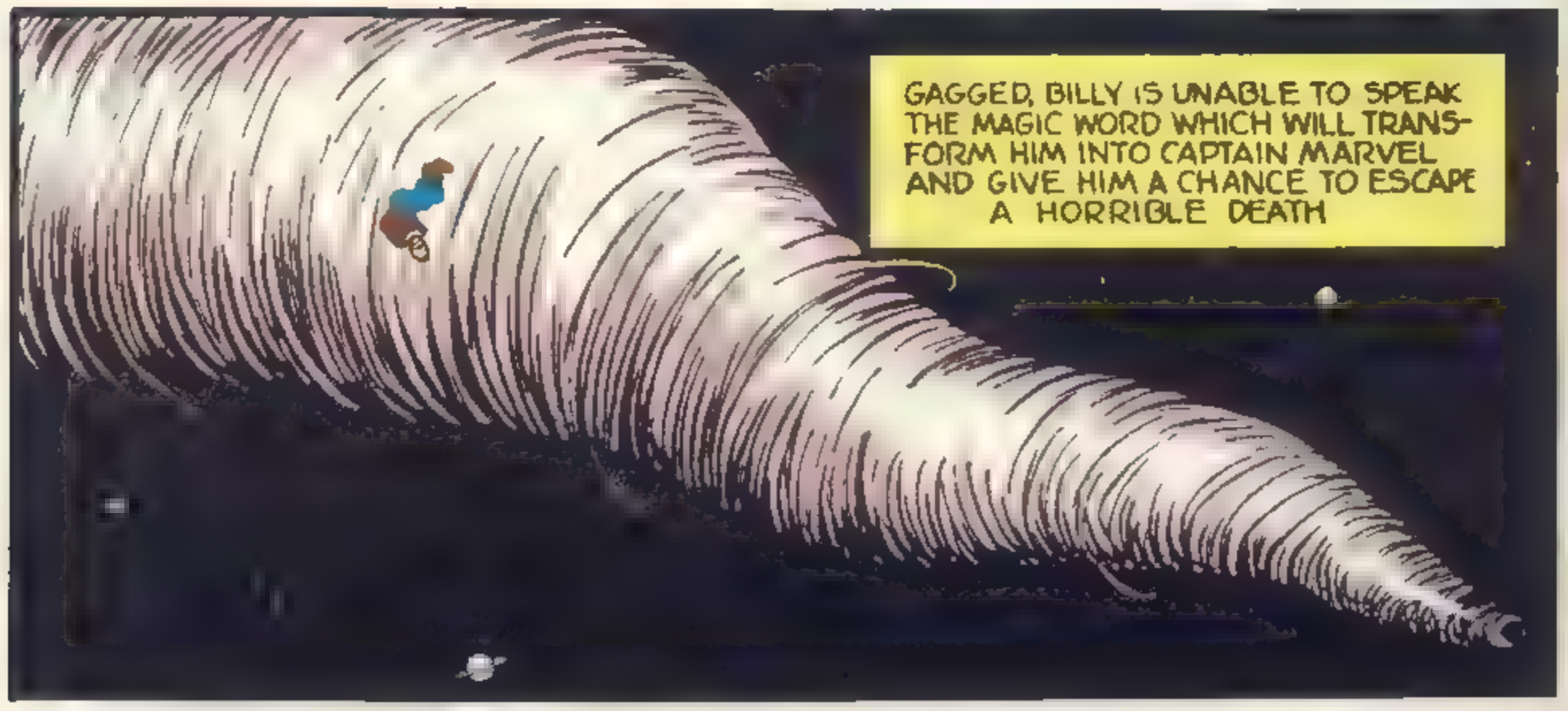

NEW YORK HAS NEVER HAD A CYCLONE - YET. SO THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE VERY LOW. I THINK THEY'LL GO UP AFTER I GIVE THE CITY ITS FIRST CYCLONE WITH THIS WEATHER-MAKING MACHINE.
WITH THE INGENIOUS DEVICE THE FIENDISH WIZARD CAN CREATE STORMS ON EARTH, THIRTY MILLION MILES AWAY.


AND YOU, MY LITTLE CHUM, ARE GOING TO RIDE THE CYCLONE ALL THE WAY TO EARTH. STUFF HIM IN, HERMAN.
YOU'RE THE BOSS, BOSS.
SIVANA PLANS TO DESTROY NEW YORK CITY, BILLY BATSON AND CAPT. MARVEL AT ONE SWOOP

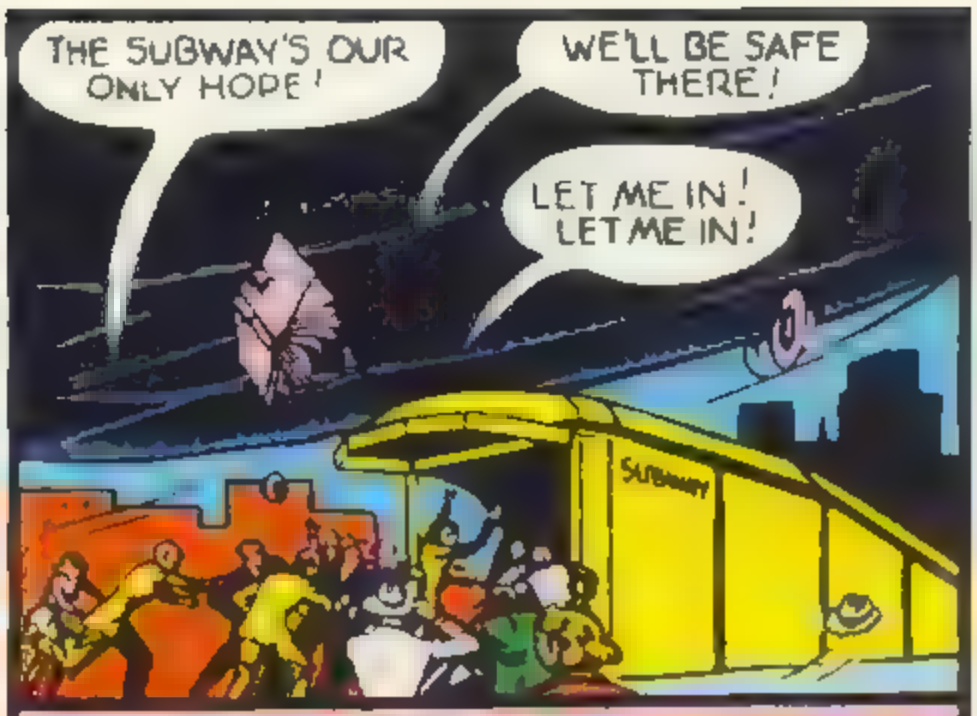
STOP! YOU MUSTN'T DO THIS HORRIBLE THING TO THAT LITTLE BOY!
SUDDENLY BEAUTIA, EMPRESS OF VENUS AND THE MAD SCIENTIST'S UNWILLING ACCOMPLICE, APPEARS.


GO AHEAD, HERMAN, TURN ON THE MACHINE!
STOP! STOP! YOU MUSTN'T!
UNAWARE THAT BILLY IS REALLY CAPT. MARVEL, BEAUTIA VAINLY TRIES TO HALT THE DEVILISH PLOT.

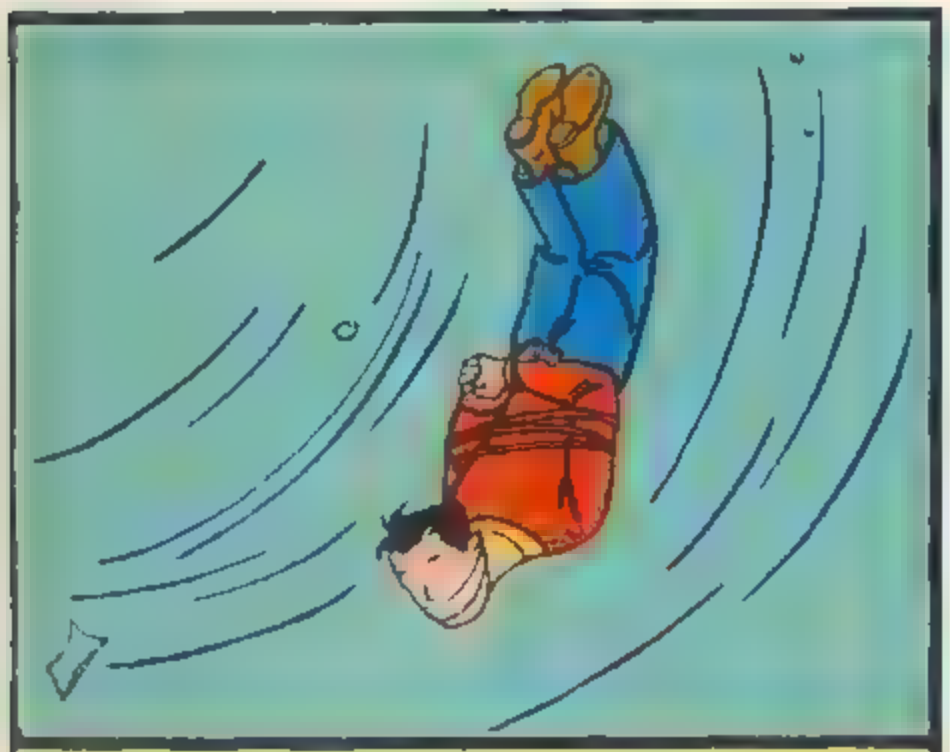
WITH A DEAFENING BLAST THE SIVANA-MADE CYCLONE ROARS OUT OF THE MACHINE AND HEADS TOWARD EARTH-WITH BILLY A HELPLESS PASSENGER


GAGGED, BILLY IS UNABLE TO SPEAK THE MAGIC WORD WHICH WILL TRANSFORM HIM INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL AND GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO ESCAPE A HORRIBLE DEATH

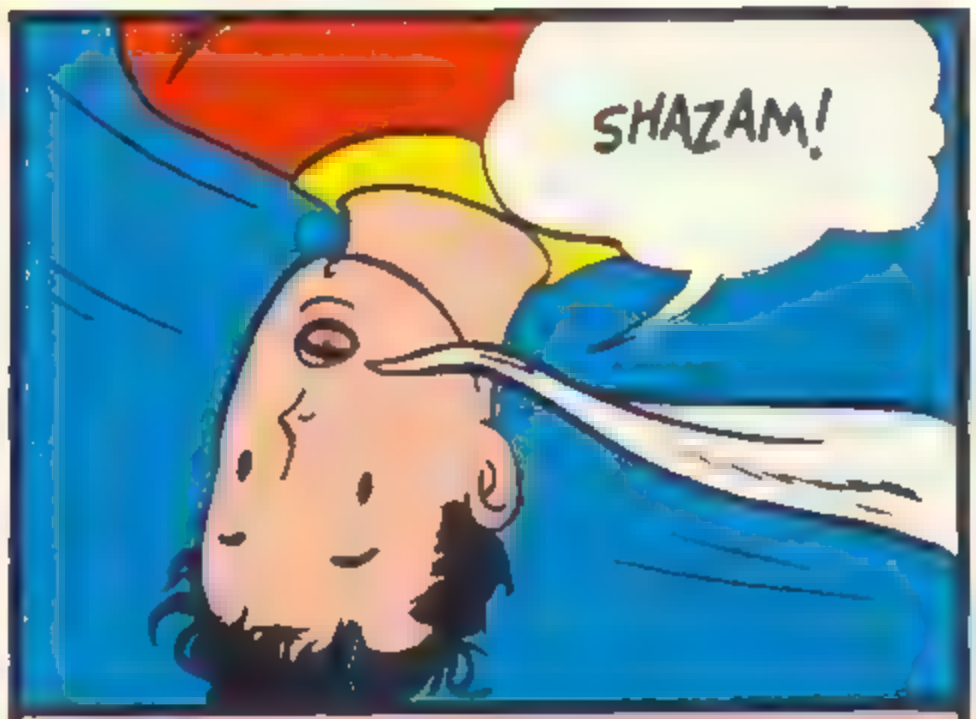
A FEW HOURS LATER CITIZENS OF NEW YORK ARE PANIC-STRICKEN AS THE RAGING CYCLONE DESCENDS ON THEM



TERRIFIED, THEY RUSH FOR THE SUBWAY ENTRANCES HOPING TO FIND SAFETY UNDERGROUND FROM THE WHIRLING HORROR IN THE SKY.

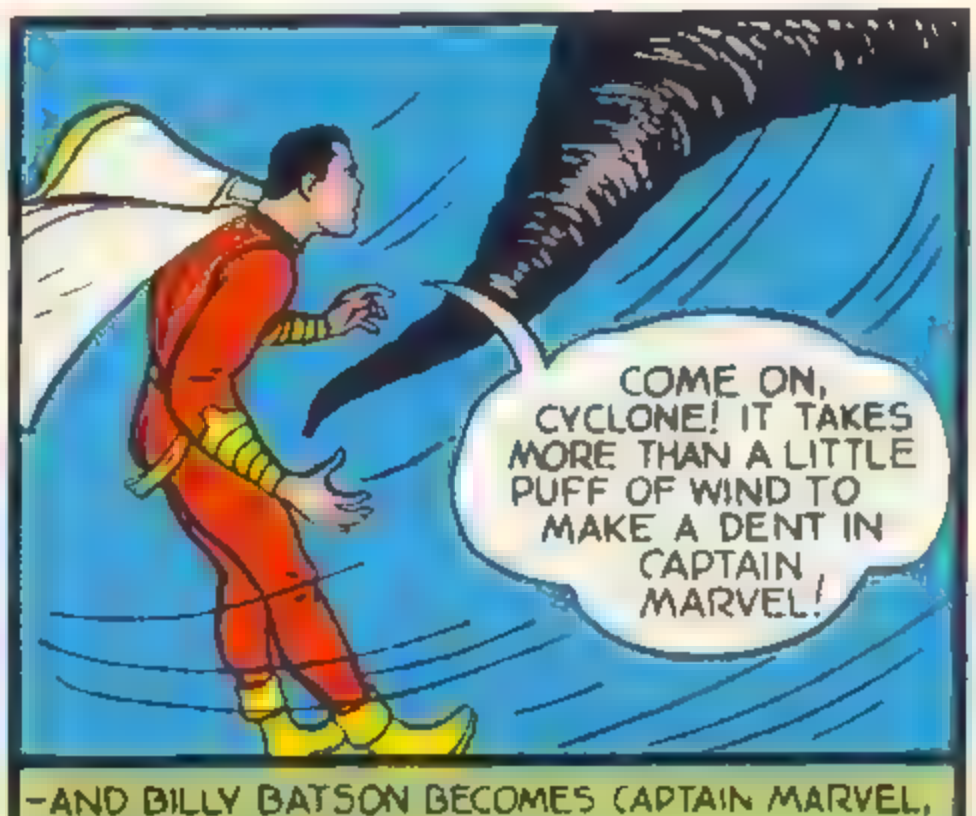


AT THE MERCY OF THE RAGING WIND, BILLY IS HURLED NEARER AND NEARER TO DESTRUCTION.

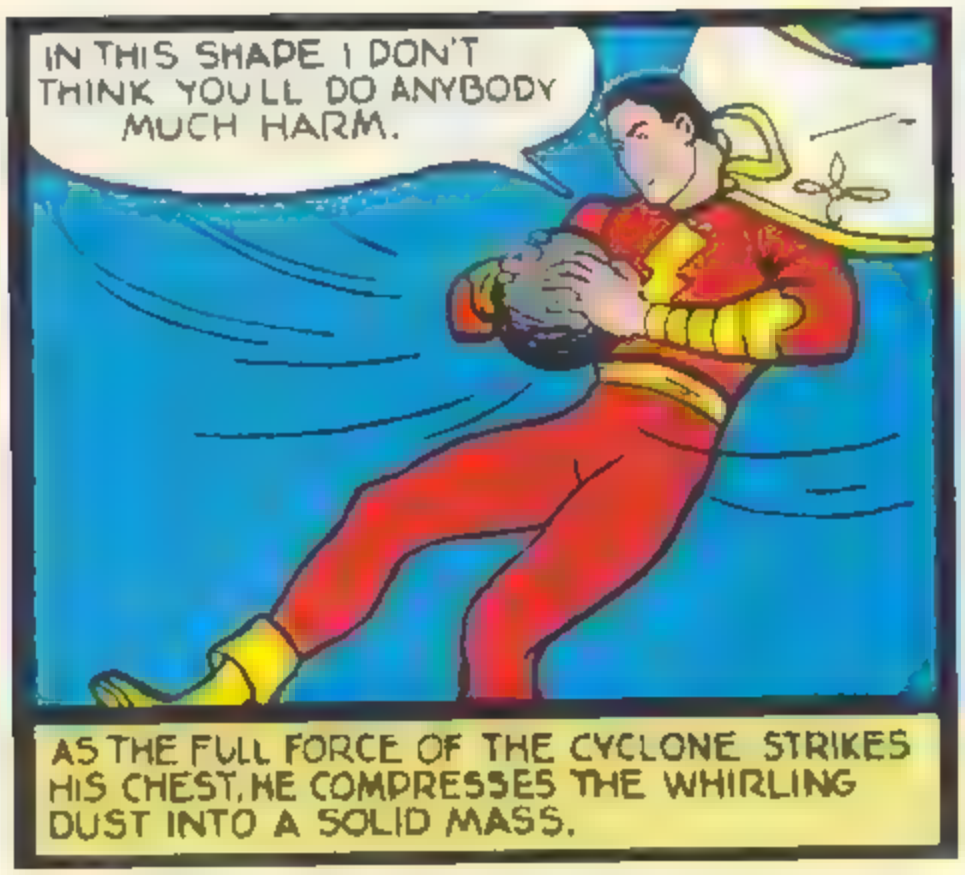


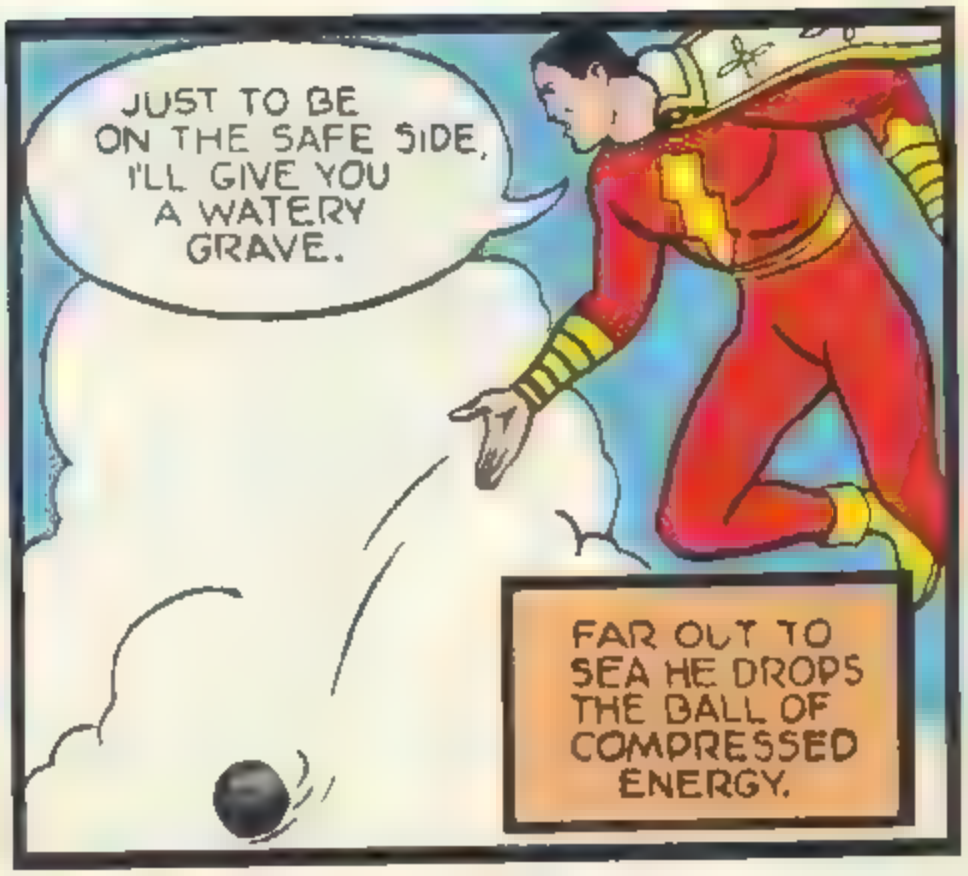
SUDDENLY THE FORCE OF THE CYCLONE RIPS THE GAG FROM THE BOY RADIO REPORTER'S MOUTH. HE SHOUTS THE MAGIC WORD —

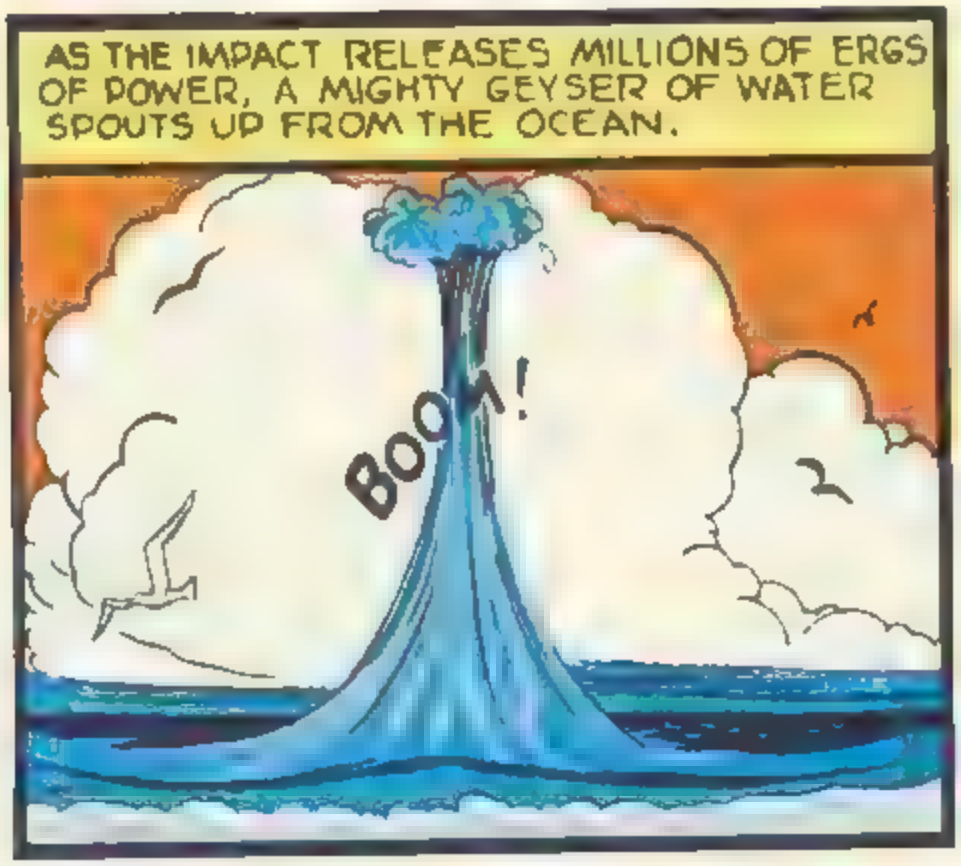
—A MIGHTY THUNDERCLAP ECHOES AS HE SPEAKS—



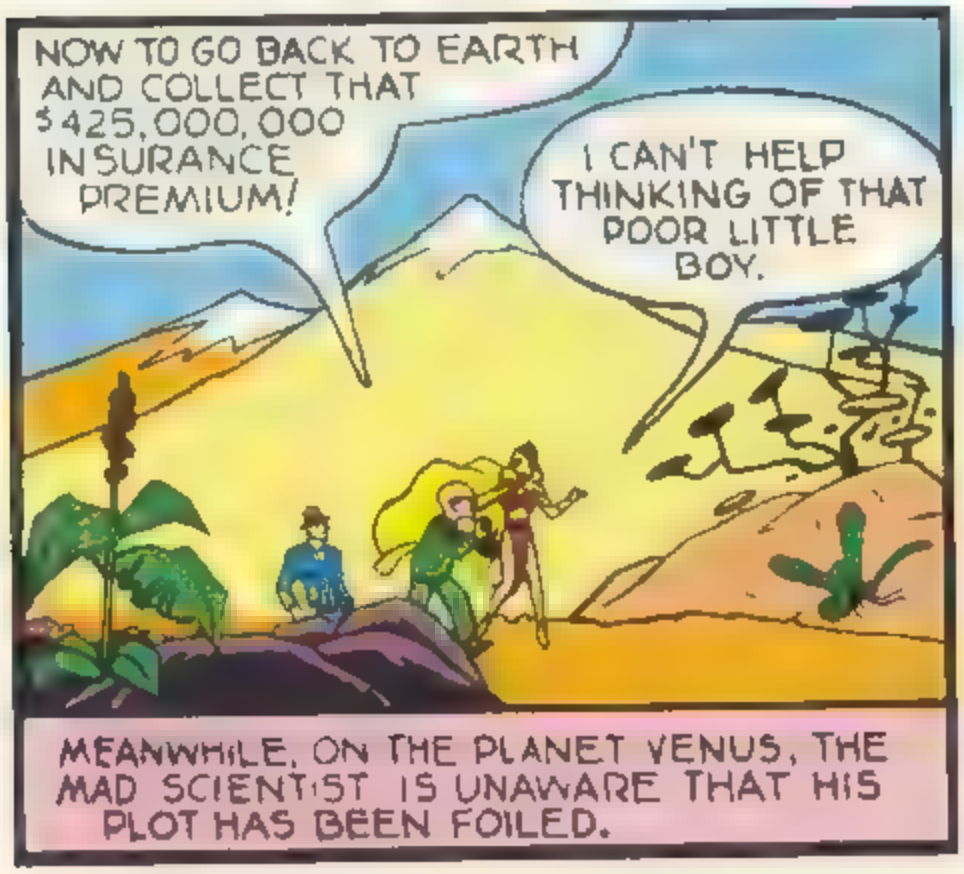
—AND BILLY BATSON BECOMES CAPTAIN MARVEL, WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN.

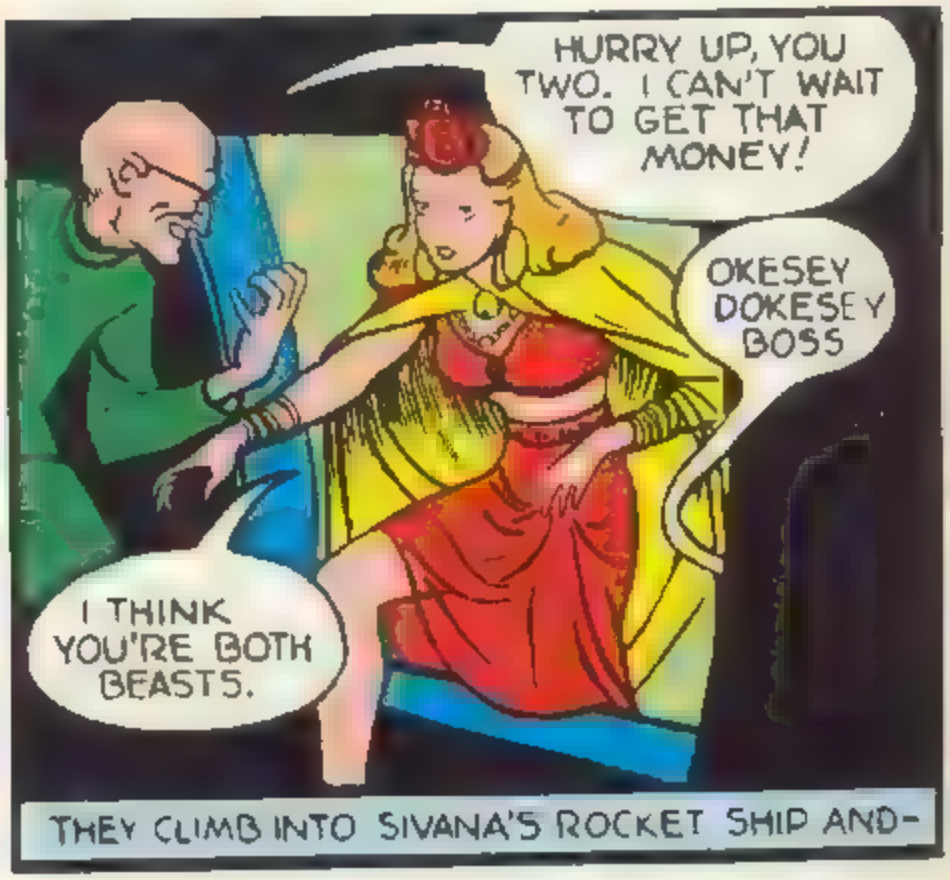

IN THIS SHAPE I DON'T THINK YOU'LL DO ANYBODY MUCH HARM.
AS THE FULL FORCE OF THE CYCLONE STRIKES HIS CHEST, HE COMPRESSES THE WHIRLING DUST INTO A SOLID MASS.


JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, I'LL GIVE YOU A WATERY GRAVE.
FAR OUT TO SEA HE DROPS THE BALL OF COMPRESSED ENERGY.

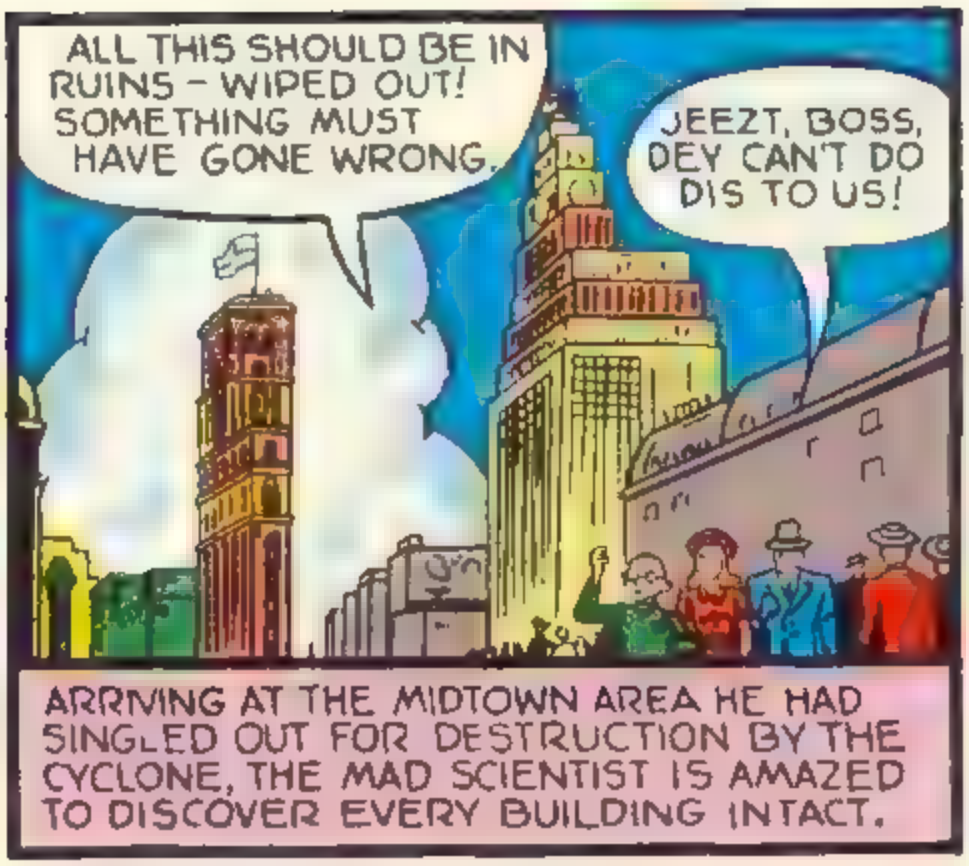

AS THE IMPACT RELEASES MILLIONS OF ERGS OF POWER, A MIGHTY GEYSER OF WATER SPOUTS UP FROM THE OCEAN.
BOOM!

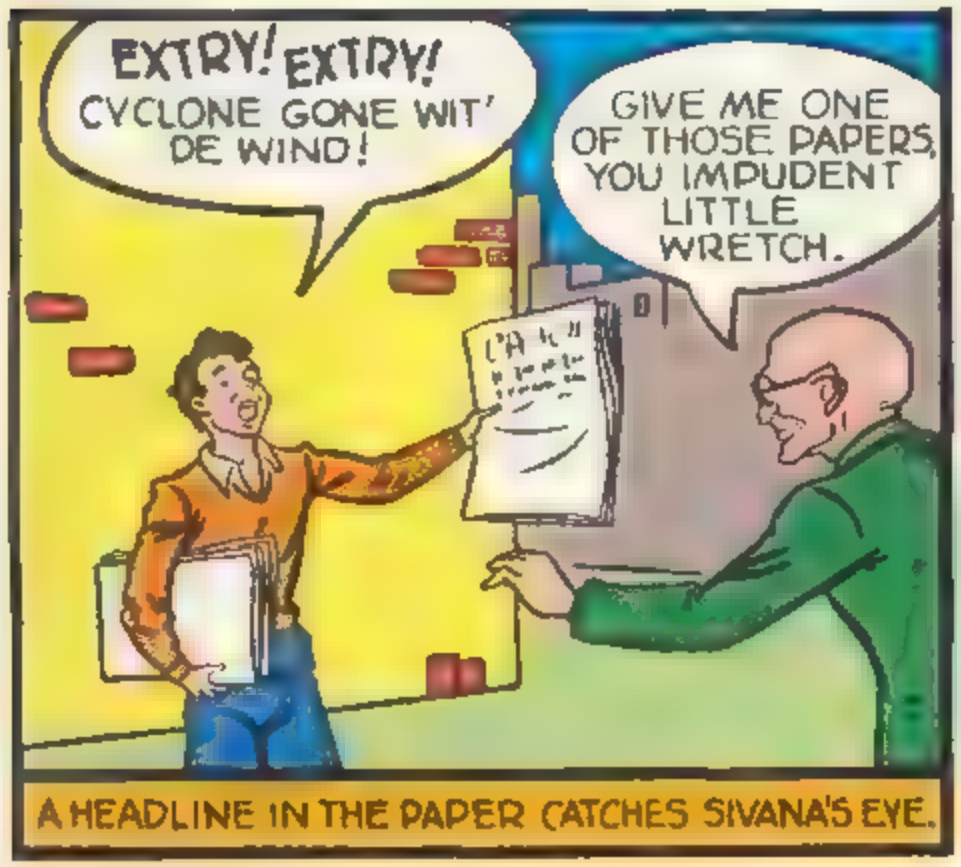
NOW TO GET BACK TO LAND AND WATCH FOR SIVANA'S NEXT MOVE.

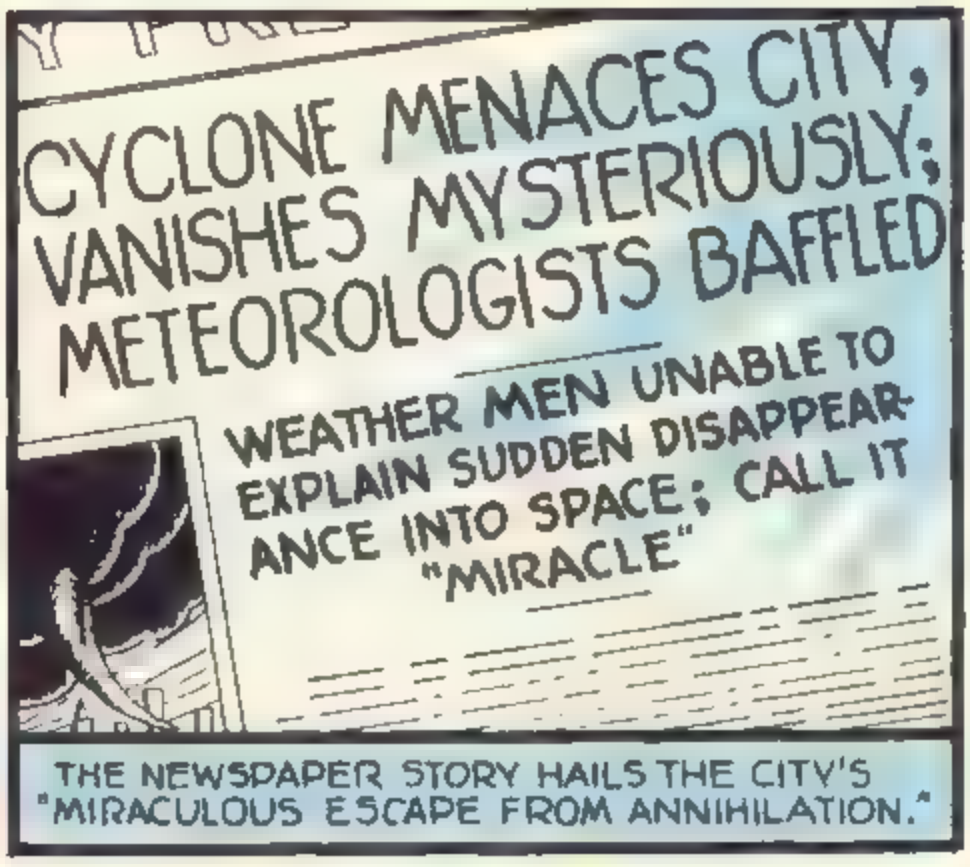

NOW TO GO BACK TO EARTH AND COLLECT THAT $425,000,000 INSURANCE PREMIUM!
I CAN'T HELP THINKING OF THAT POOR LITTLE BOY.
MEANWHILE, ON THE PLANET VENUS, THE MAD SCIENTIST IS UNAWARE THAT HIS PLOT HAS BEEN FOILED.

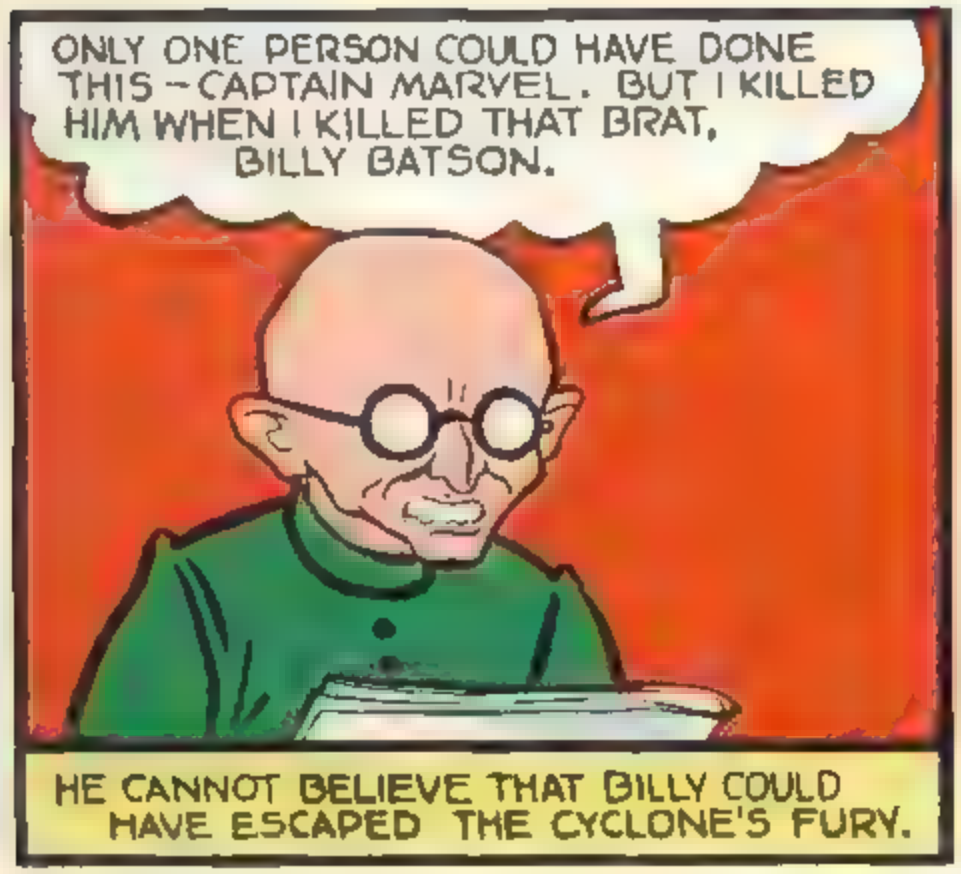

HURRY UP, YOU TWO. I CAN'T WAIT TO GET THAT MONEY!
OKESEY DOKESEY BOSS
I THINK YOU'RE BOTH BEASTS.
THEY CLIMB INTO SIVANA'S ROCKET SHIP AND-

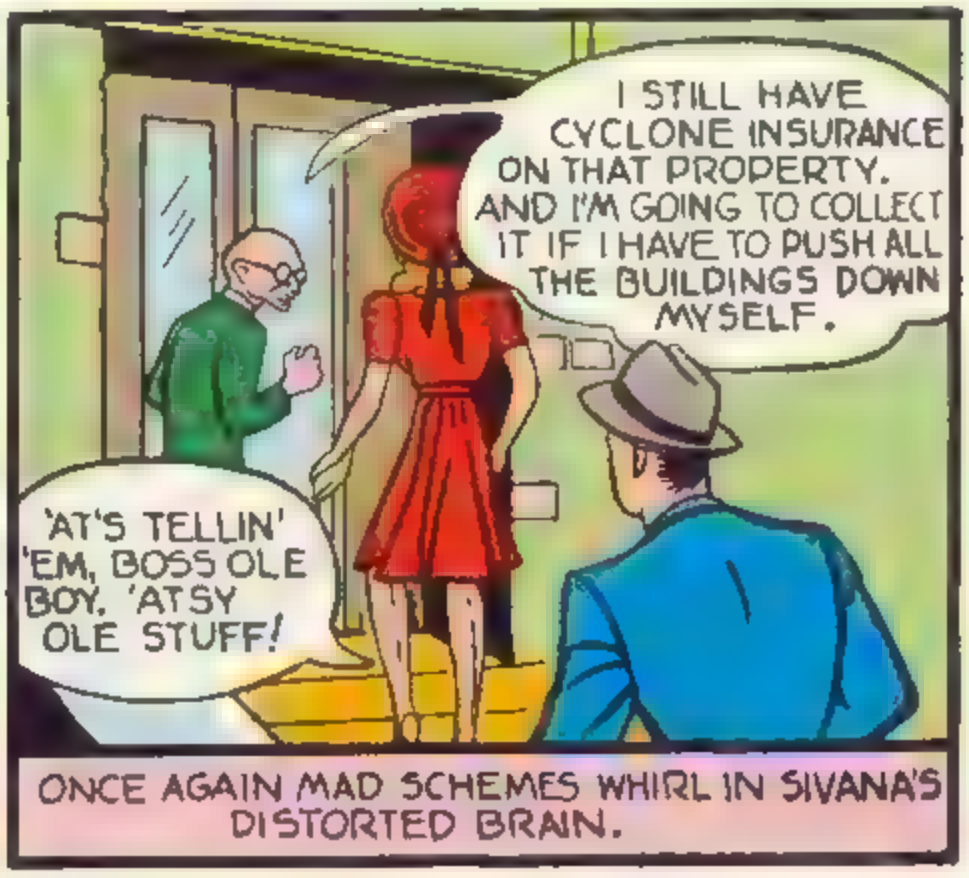
-A FEW HOURS LATER THE STREAMLINED INTER-PLANETARY CRAFT NOSES DOWN TO A SAFE LANDING NOT FAR FROM NEW YORK CITY.

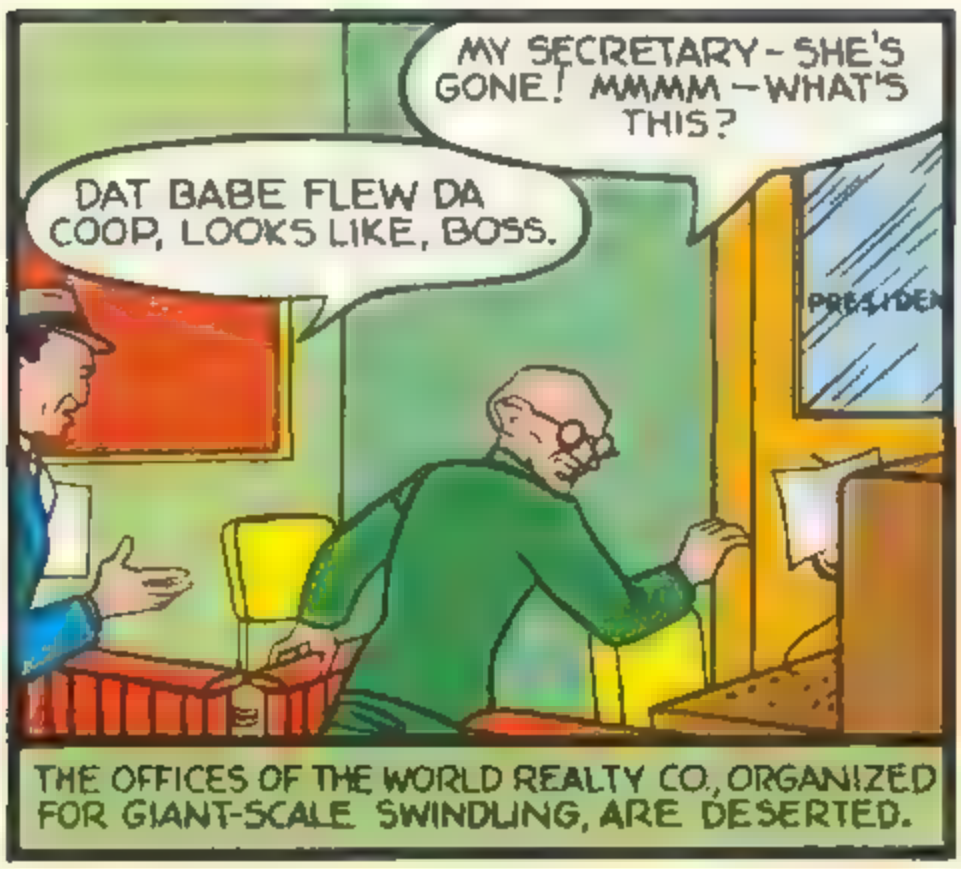

ALL THIS SHOULD BE IN RUINS - WIPED OUT! SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG.
JEEZ!, BOSS, DEY CAN'T DO DIS TO US!
ARRIVING AT THE MIDTOWN AREA HE HAD SINGLED OUT FOR DESTRUCTION BY THE CYCLONE, THE MAD SCIENTIST IS AMAZED TO DISCOVER EVERY BUILDING INTACT.


EXTRY! EXTRY! CYCLONE GONE WIT' DE WIND!
GIVE ME ONE OF THOSE PAPERS, YOU IMPUDENT LITTLE WRETCH.
A HEADLINE IN THE PAPER CATCHES SIVANA'S EYE.

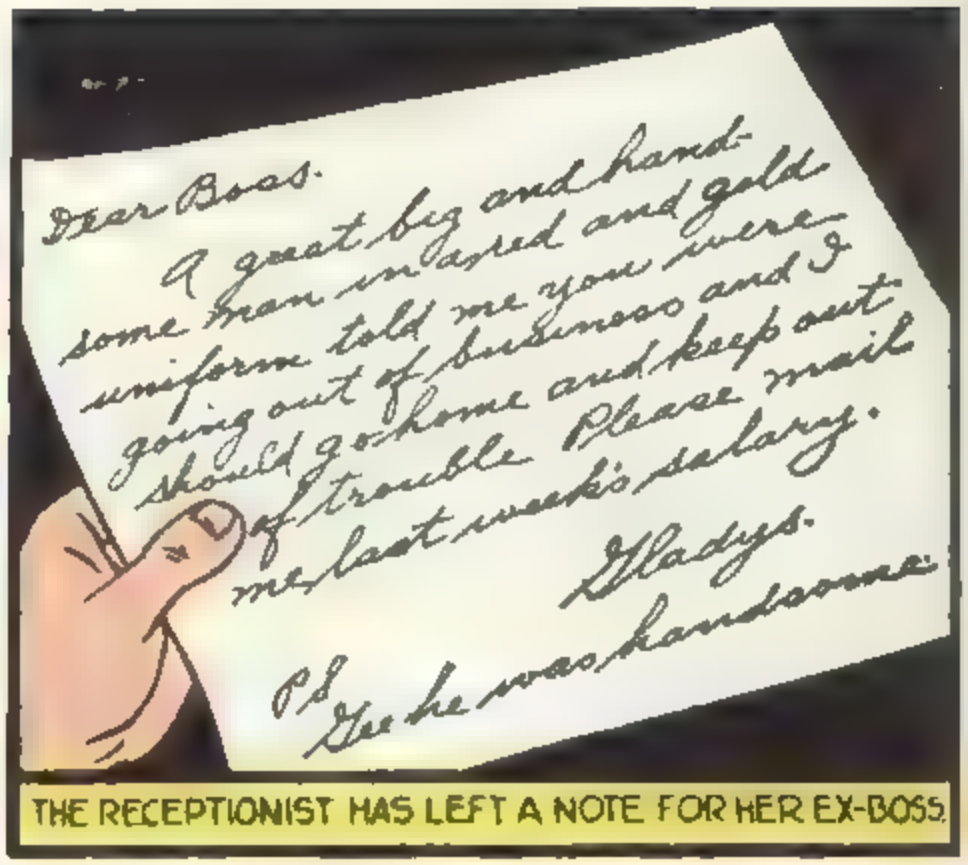

CYCLONE MENACES CITY, VANISHES MYSTERIOUSLY; METEOROLOGISTS BAFFLED
WEATHER MEN UNABLE TO EXPLAIN SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE INTO SPACE; CALL IT "MIRACLE"
THE NEWSPAPER STORY HAILS THE CITY'S "MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM ANNIHILATION."


ONLY ONE PERSON COULD HAVE DONE THIS - CAPTAIN MARVEL. BUT I KILLED HIM WHEN I KILLED THAT BRAT, BILLY BATSON.
HE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT BILLY COULD HAVE ESCAPED THE CYCLONE'S FURY.


I STILL HAVE CYCLONE INSURANCE ON THAT PROPERTY. AND I'M GOING TO COLLECT IT IF I HAVE TO PUSH ALL THE BUILDINGS DOWN MYSELF.
'AT'S TELLIN' 'EM, BOSS OLE BOY. 'ATSY OLE STUFF!
ONCE AGAIN MAD SCHEMES WHIRL IN SIVANA'S DISTORTED BRAIN.

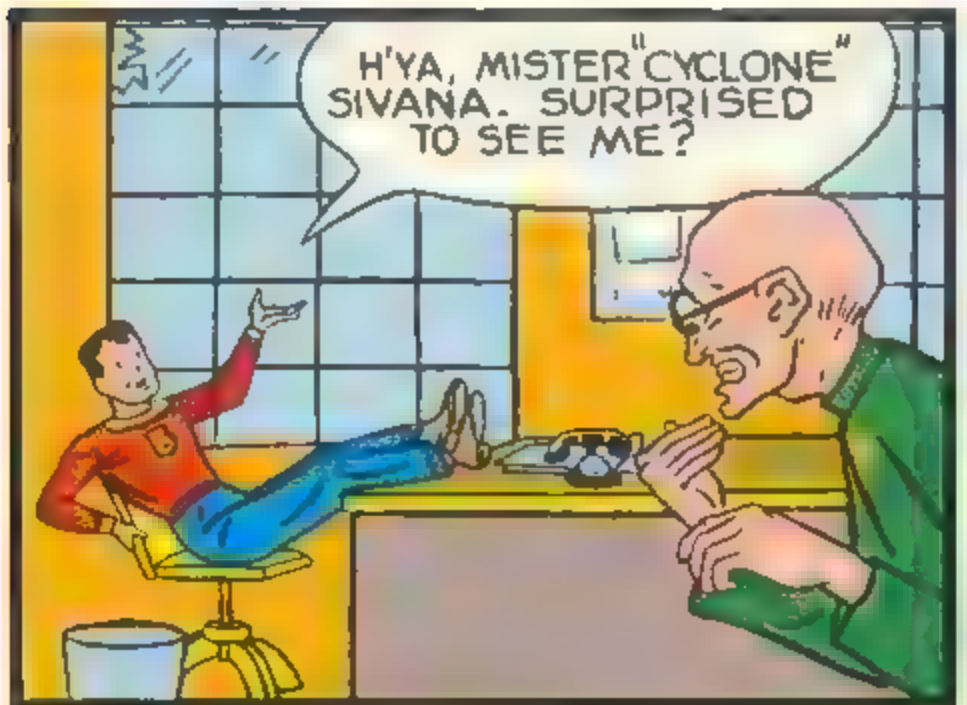


THE OFFICES OF THE WORLD REALTY CO, ORGANIZED FOR GIANT-SCALE SWINDLING, ARE DESERTED.

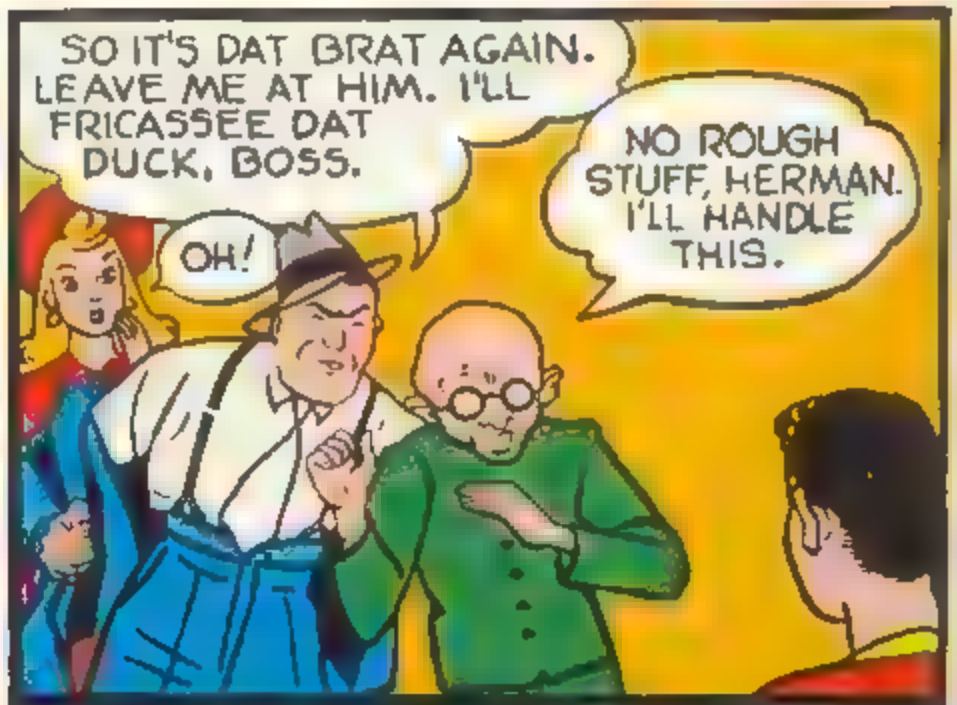


THE RECEPTIONIST HAS LEFT A NOTE FOR HER EX-BOSS.

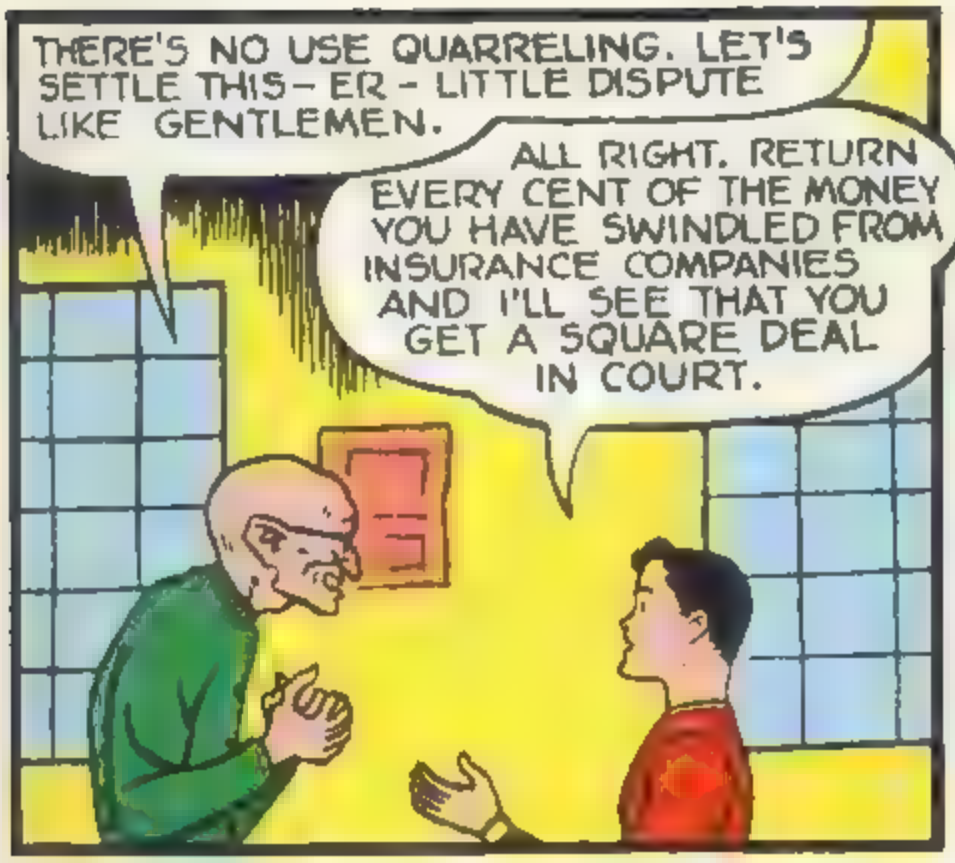
AS HE OPENS HIS PRIVATE OFFICE DOOR SIVANA STOPS, THUNDERSTRUCK.

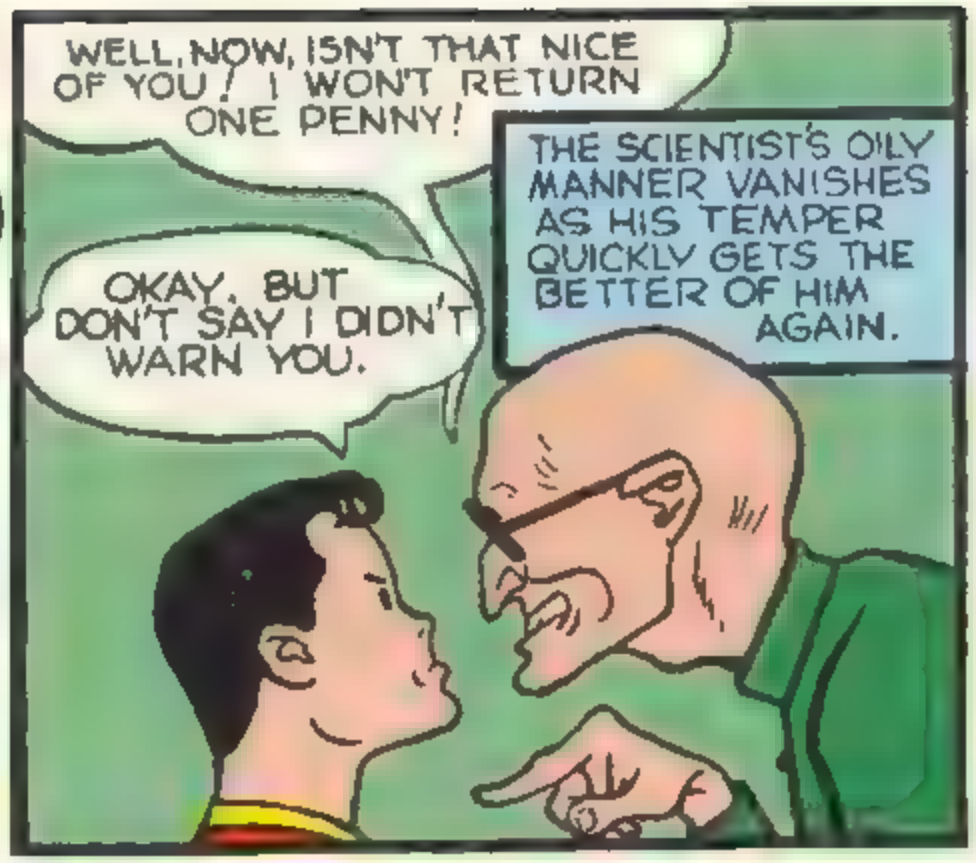


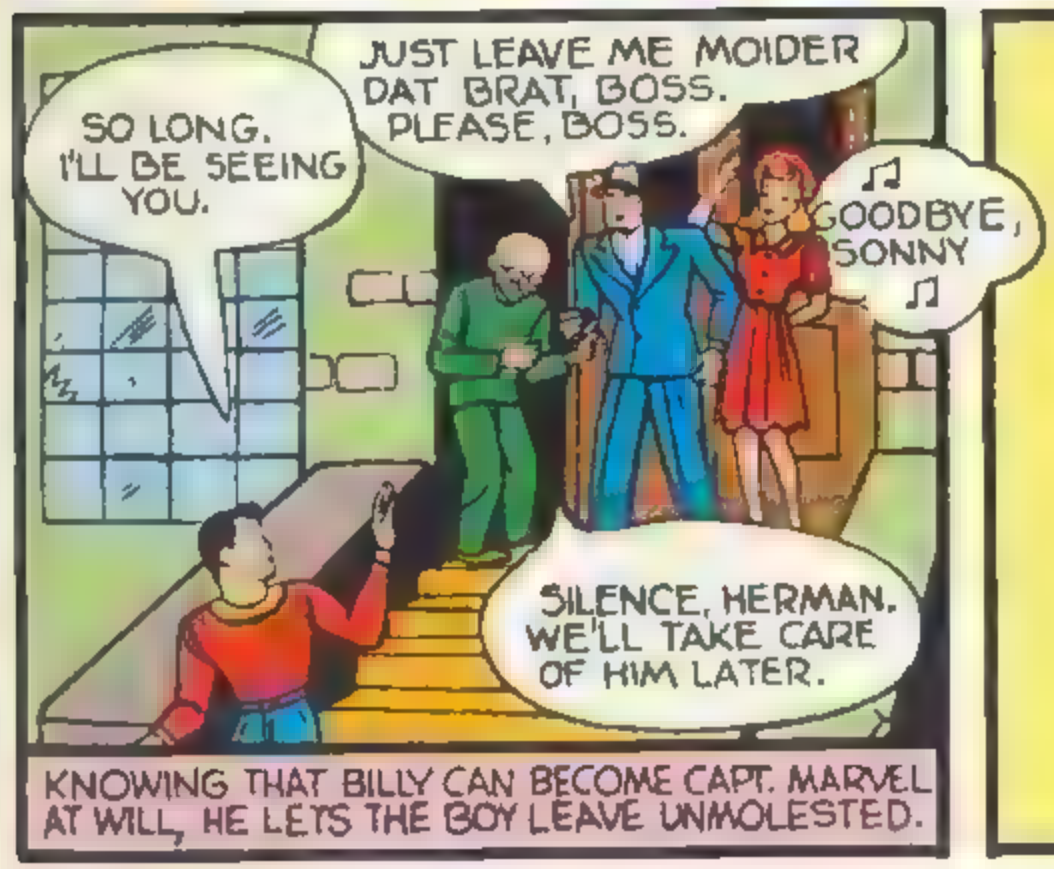
THE MAD SCIENTIST CANNOT BELIEVE HIS EYES AS HE SEES BILLY, ALIVE AND WELL, SITTING BEHIND HIS OWN DESK.



SIVANA, AFRAID THAT BILLY WILL CALL ON CAPT MARVEL IF A FIGHT STARTS, DETERMINES TO TRY DIPLOMACY FOR A CHANGE.

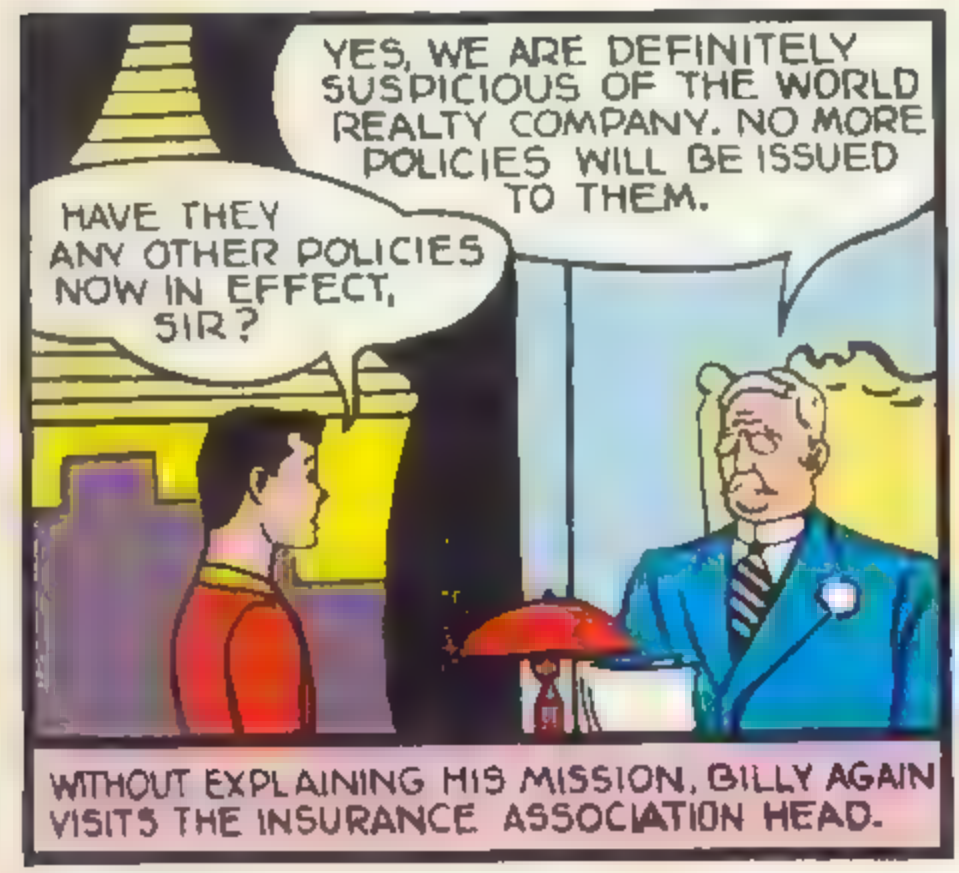


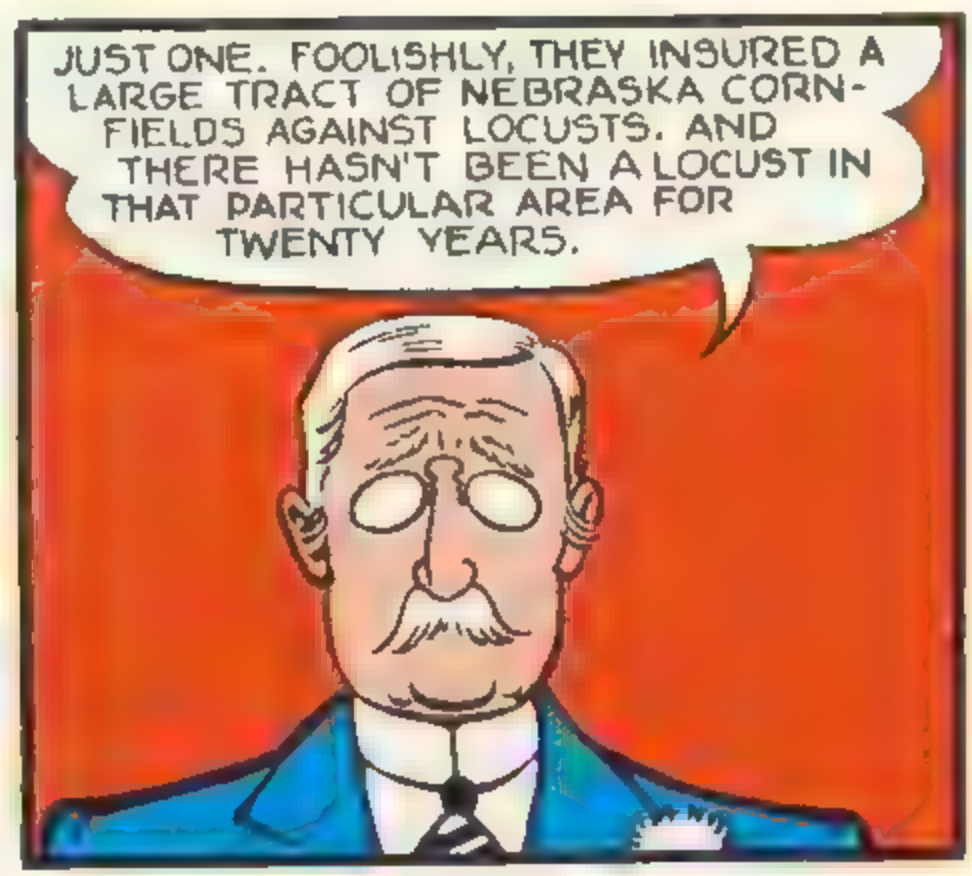


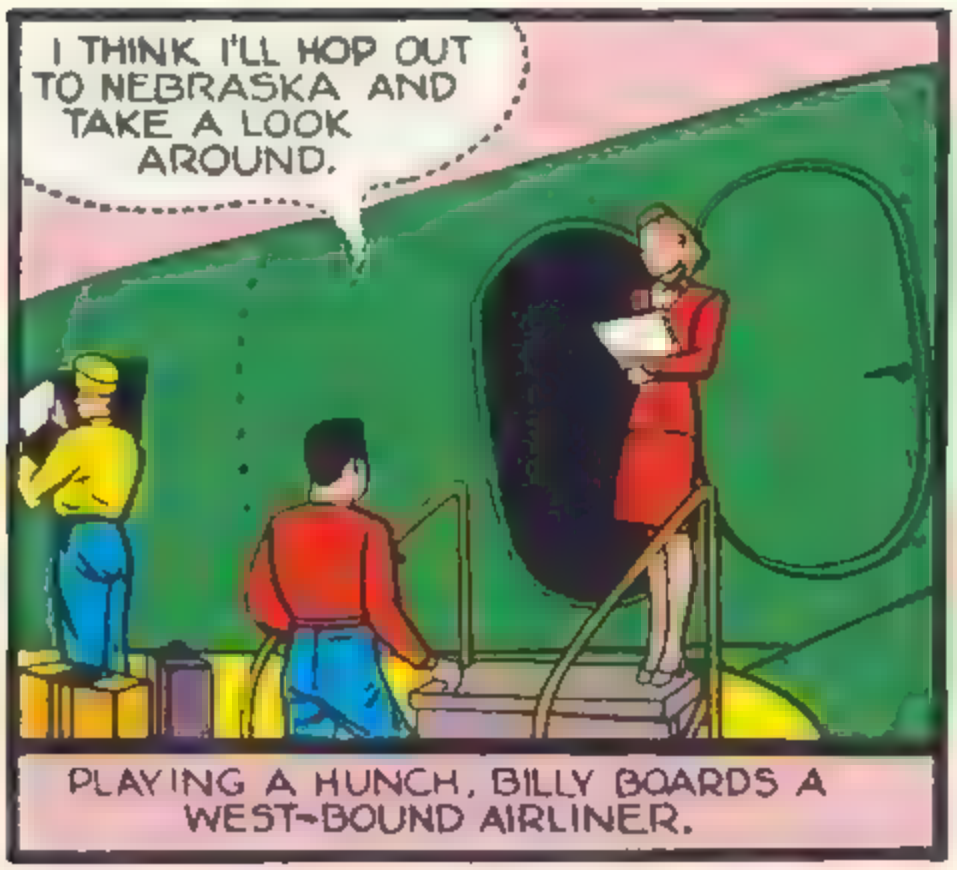


BILLY REALIZES THAT NO ONE WILL BELIEVE HIS STORY OF SIVANA'S FANTASTIC INSURANCE SWINDLE SINCE ONLY THE MAD SCIENTIST HIMSELF KNOWS THAT THE BOY REPORTER CAN BECOME THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN MERELY BY SPEAKING THE MAGIC WORD "SHAZAM".

AND BILLY IS DETERMINED TO KEEP THE IDENTITY OF CAPTAIN MARVEL A SECRET FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD.

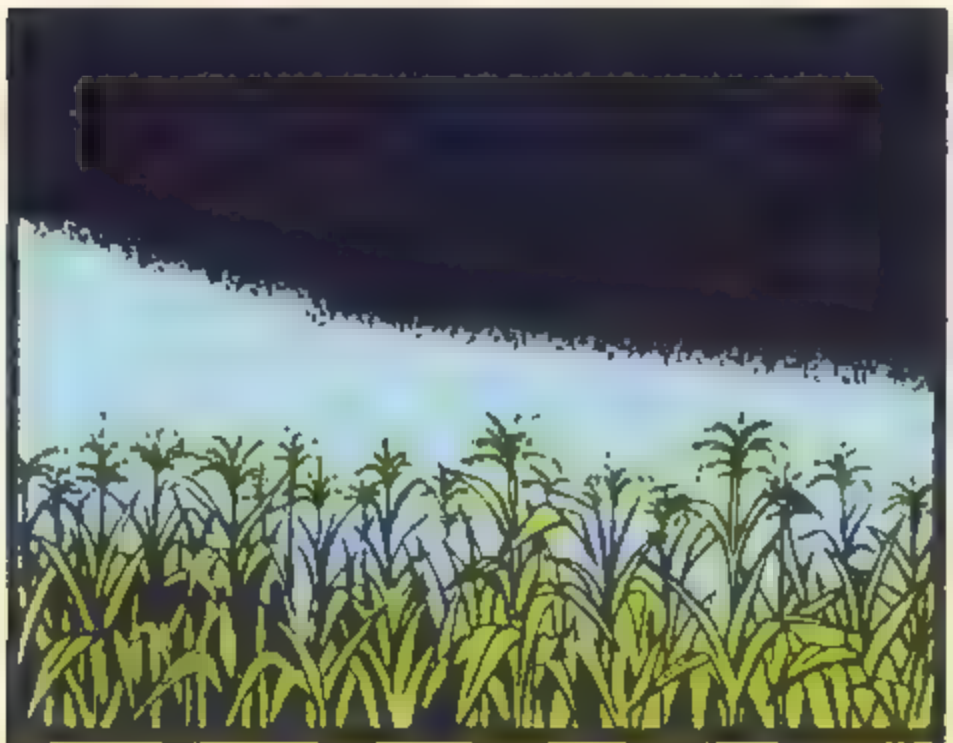




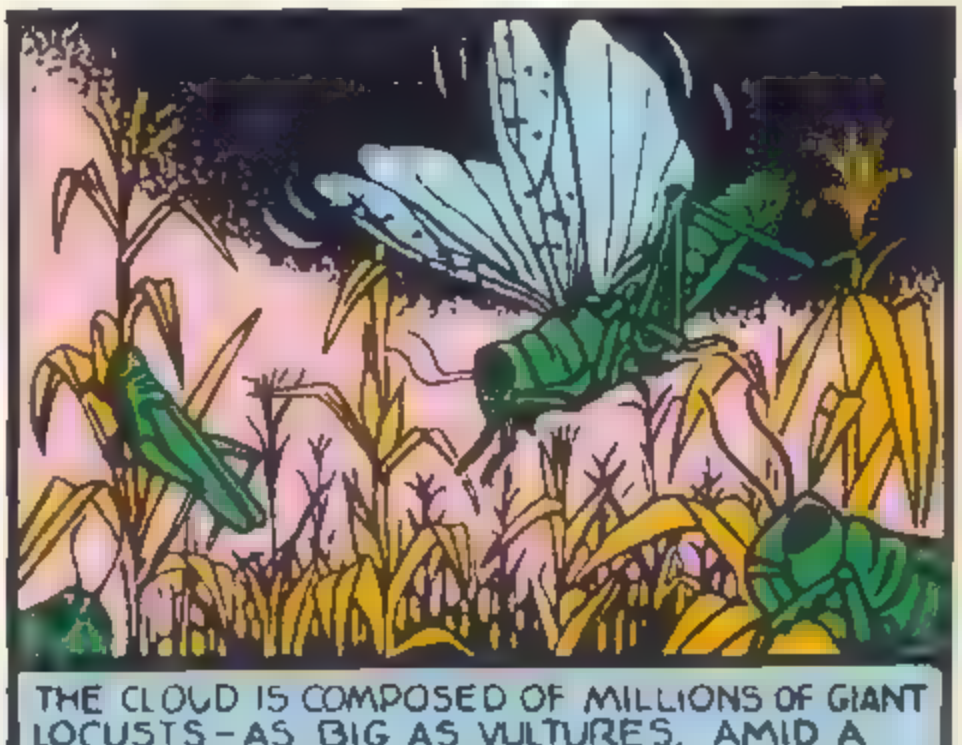


PLAYING A HUNCH, BILLY BOARDS A WEST-BOUND AIRLINER.

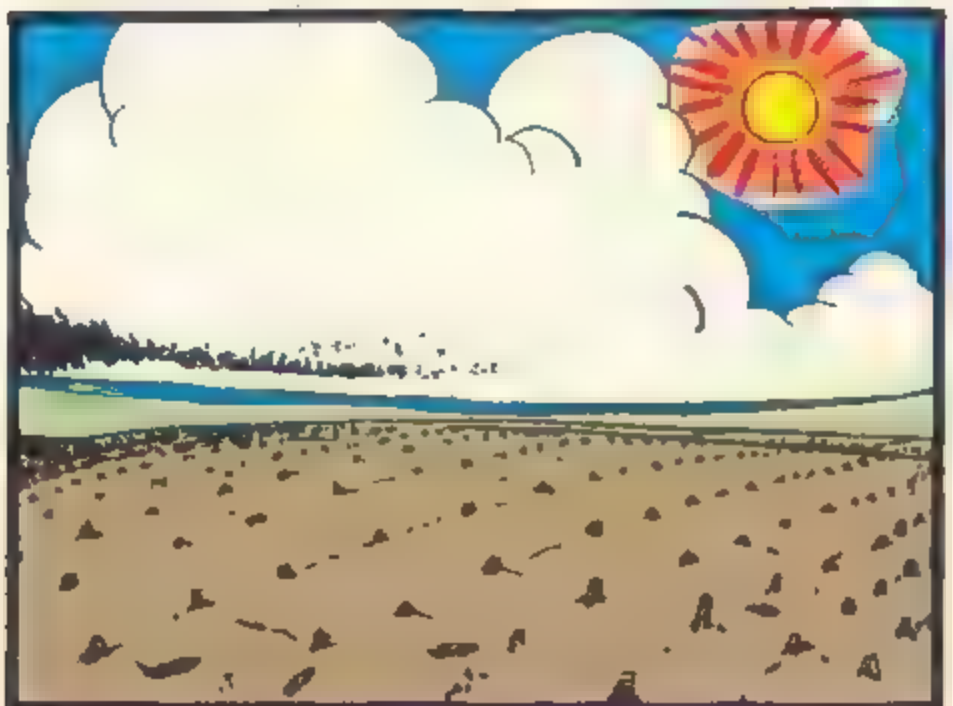
AS THE STREAMLINED SHIP WINGS ITS WAY OVER THE WAVING CORNFIELDS OF NEBRASKA, HE SEES A MYSTIFYING SIGHT.



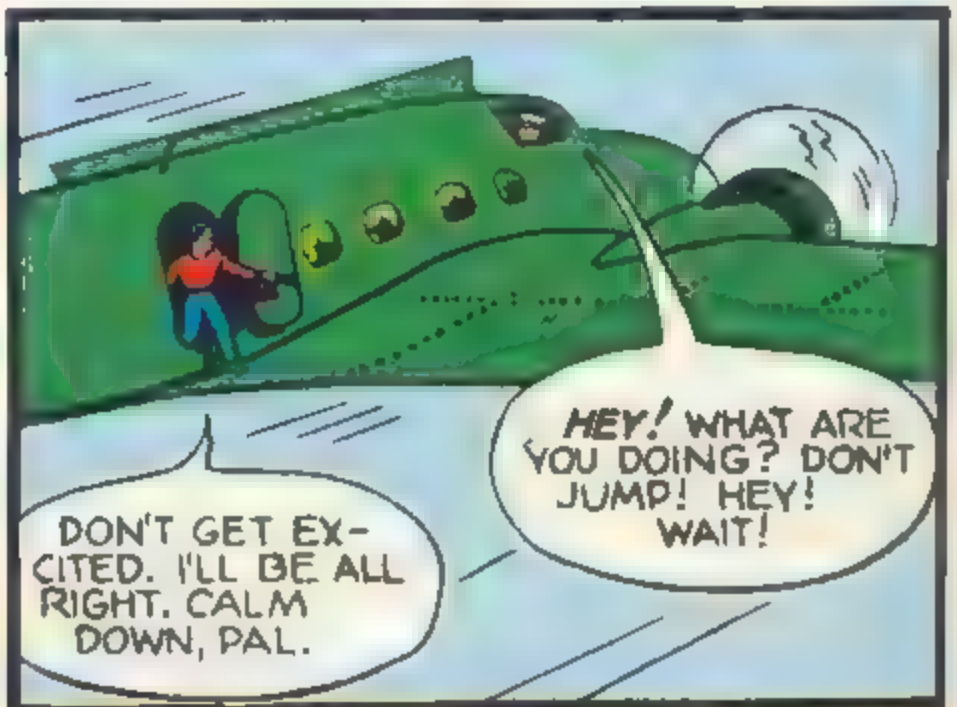
A HUGE BLACK CLOUD SWOOPS DOWN FROM THE SKY AND HEADS TOWARD A RICH FIELD OF RIPE CORN.



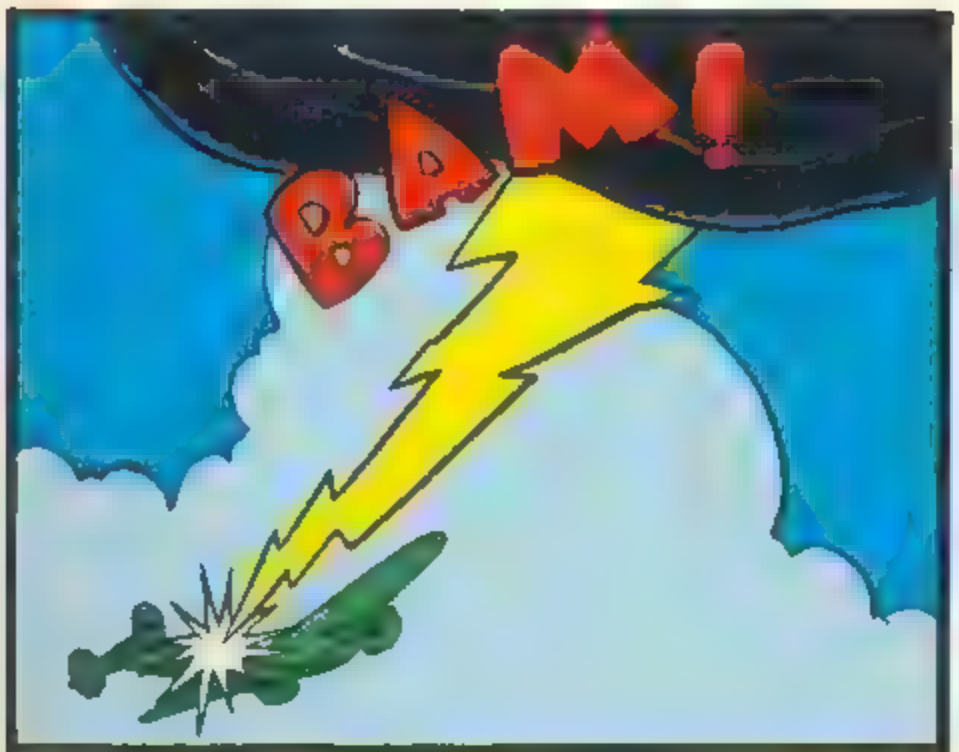
THE CLOUD IS COMPOSED OF MILLIONS OF GIANT LOCUSTS—AS BIG AS VULTURES. AMID A DEAFENING THUNDER OF WHIRRING WINGS THEY ATTACK THE CORNSTALKS.



WITHIN FIVE MINUTES THE CORNFIELD IS LEVELED TO THE GROUND— A YEAR'S WORK BY THE TOILING FARMERS GONE FOR NAUGHT.



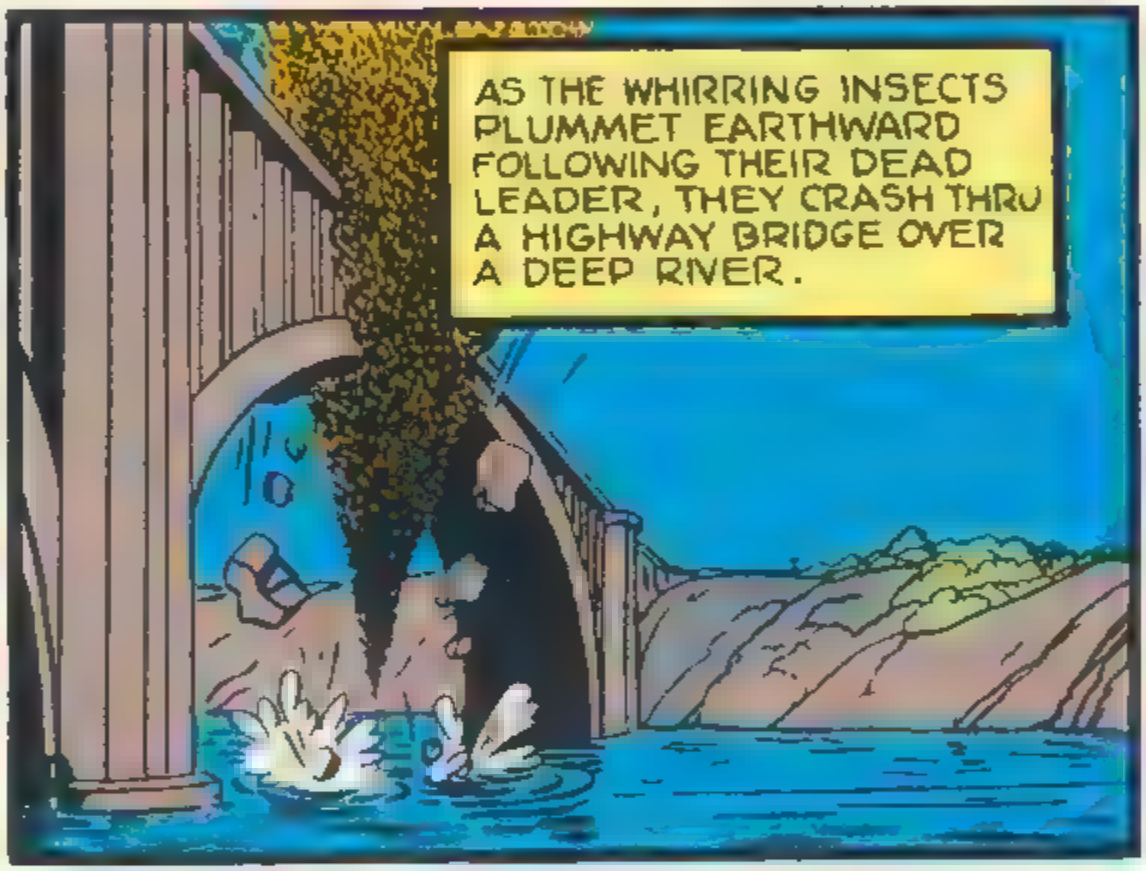
BILLY DECIDES HE MUST ACT FAST TO SAVE THE ENTIRE NEBRASKA CORN CROP FROM BEING WIPED OUT BY THE GIGANTIC LOCUSTS.

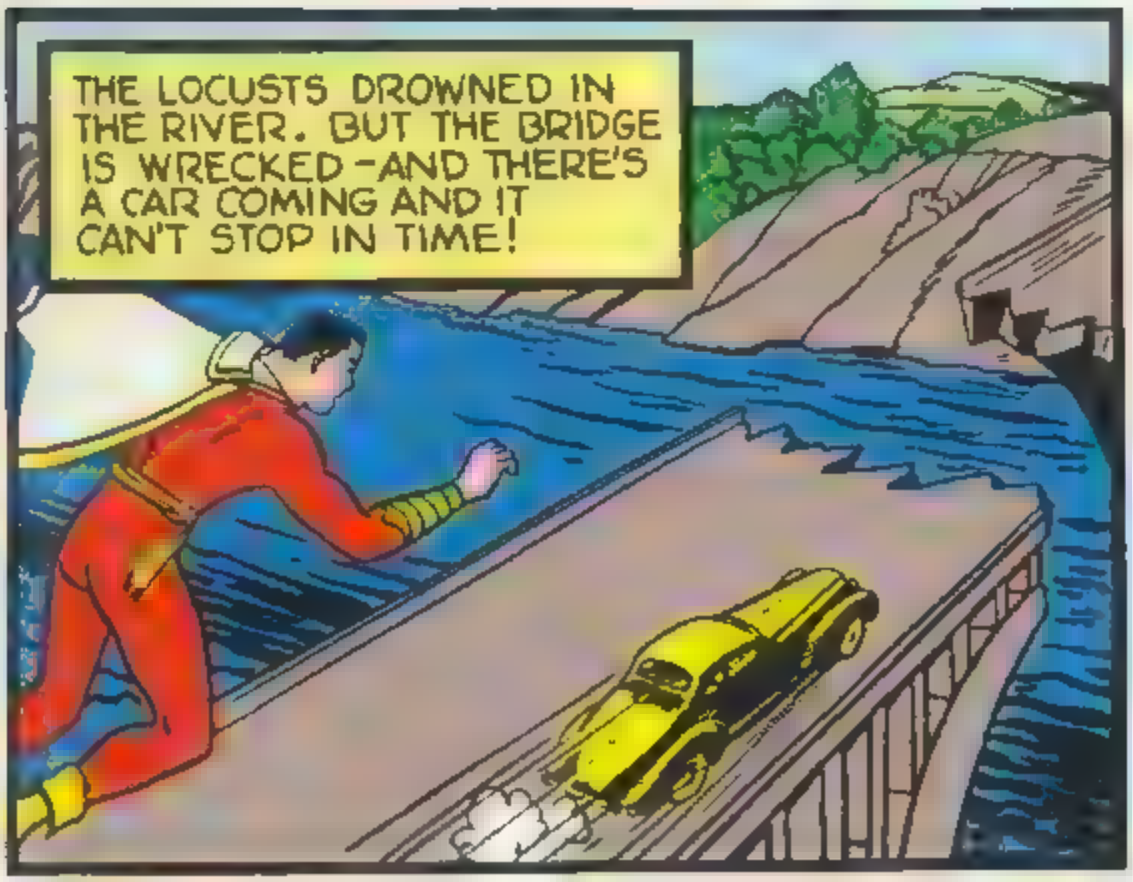


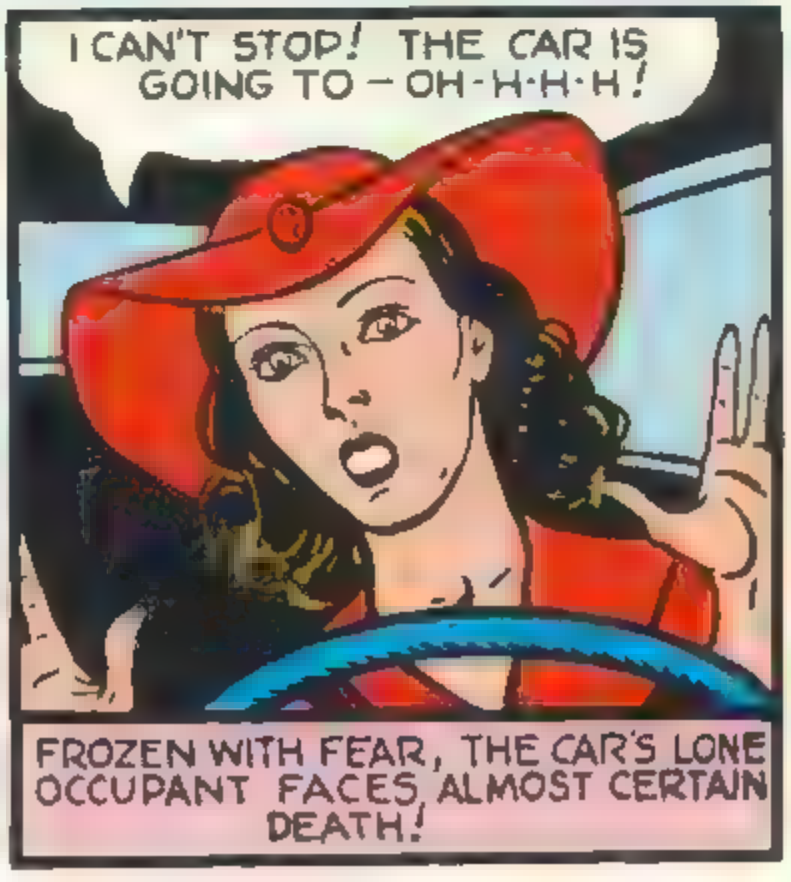
AS HE STEPS OUT OF THE SPEEDING PLANE, BILLY SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD, LIGHTNING FLASHES-

-AND CAPTAIN MARVEL DIVES INTO THE MIDST OF THE GIANT LOCUSTS.

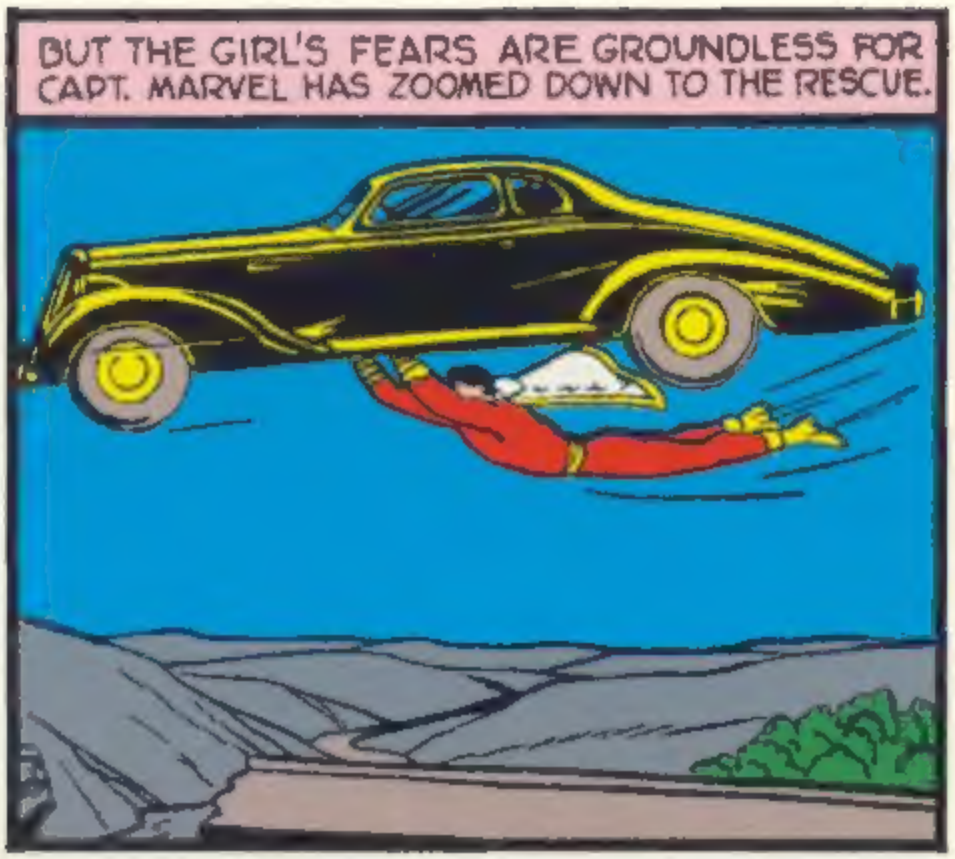
AFTER AN HOUR OF DESPERATE FIGHTING, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN SINGLES OUT THE "BOSS" LOCUST.

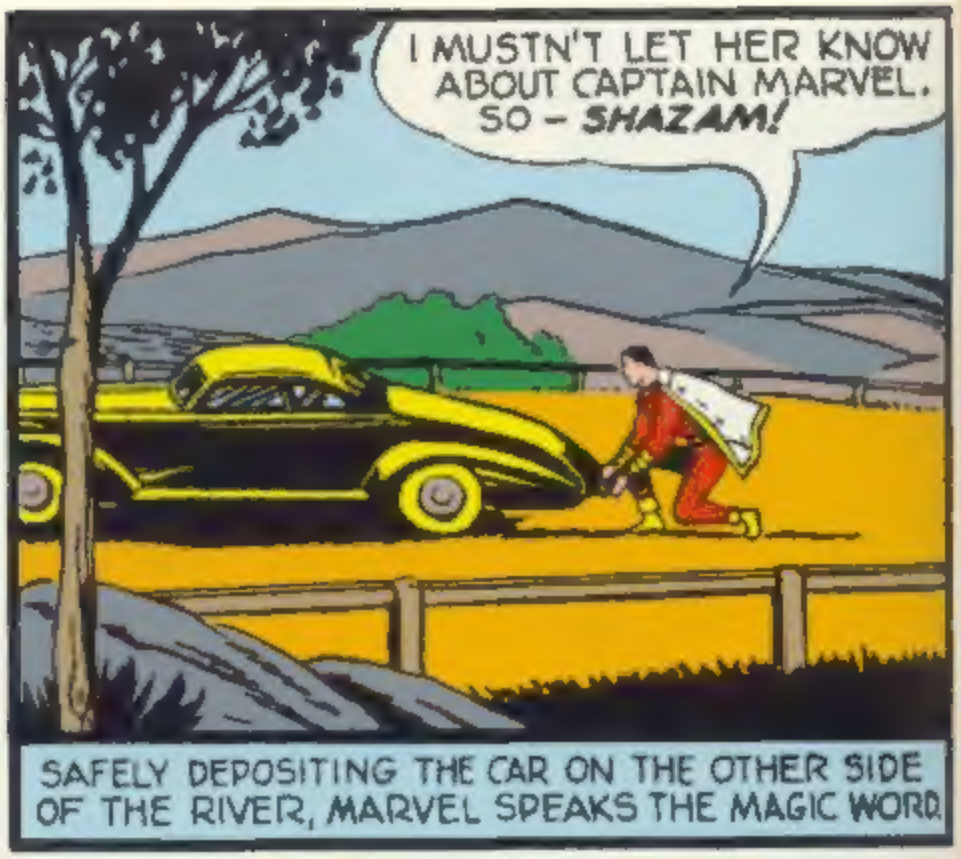


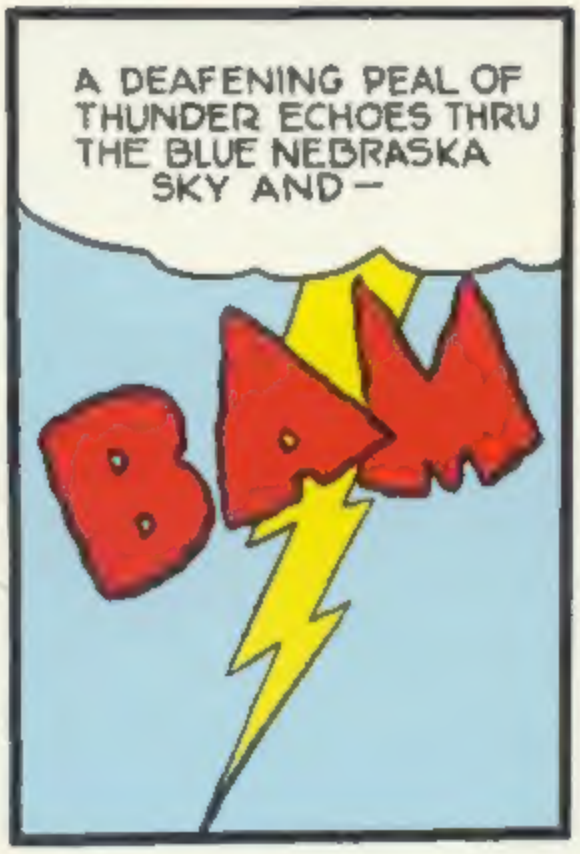


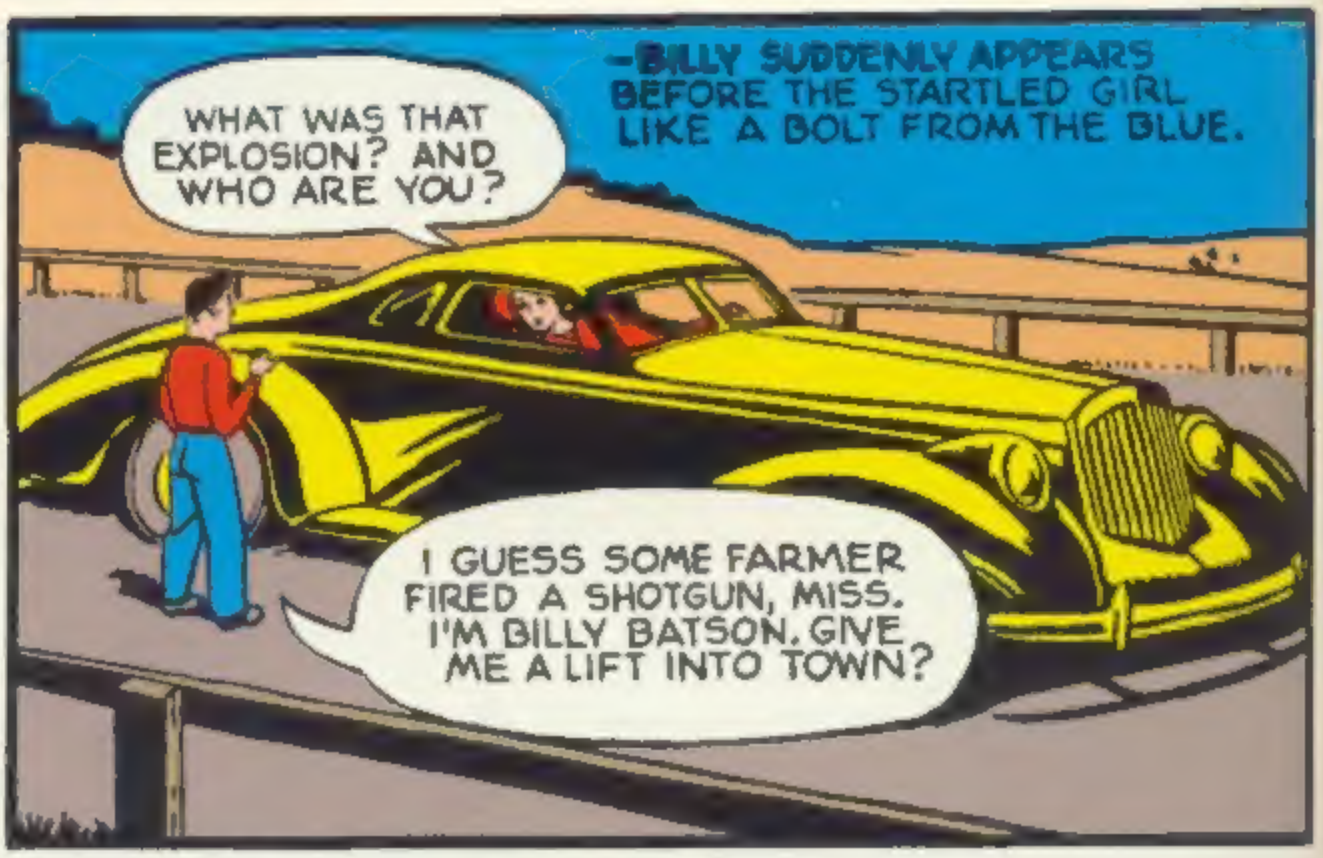


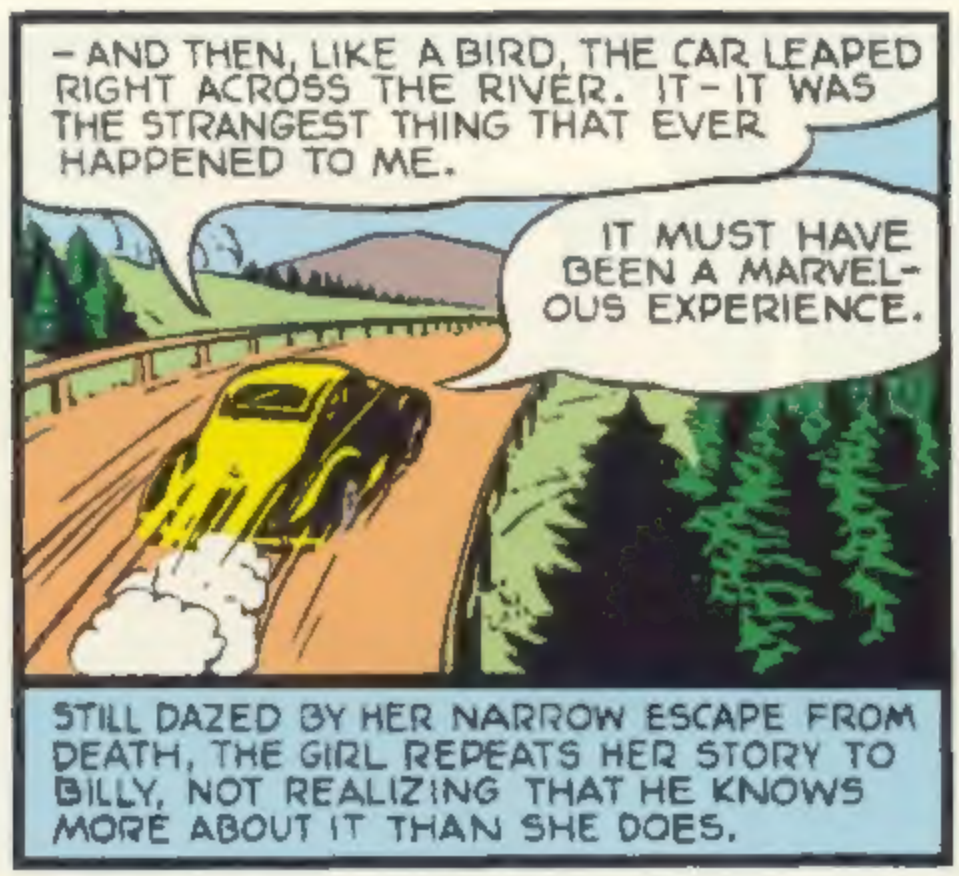
FROZEN WITH FEAR, THE CAR'S LONE OCCUPANT FACES ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH!

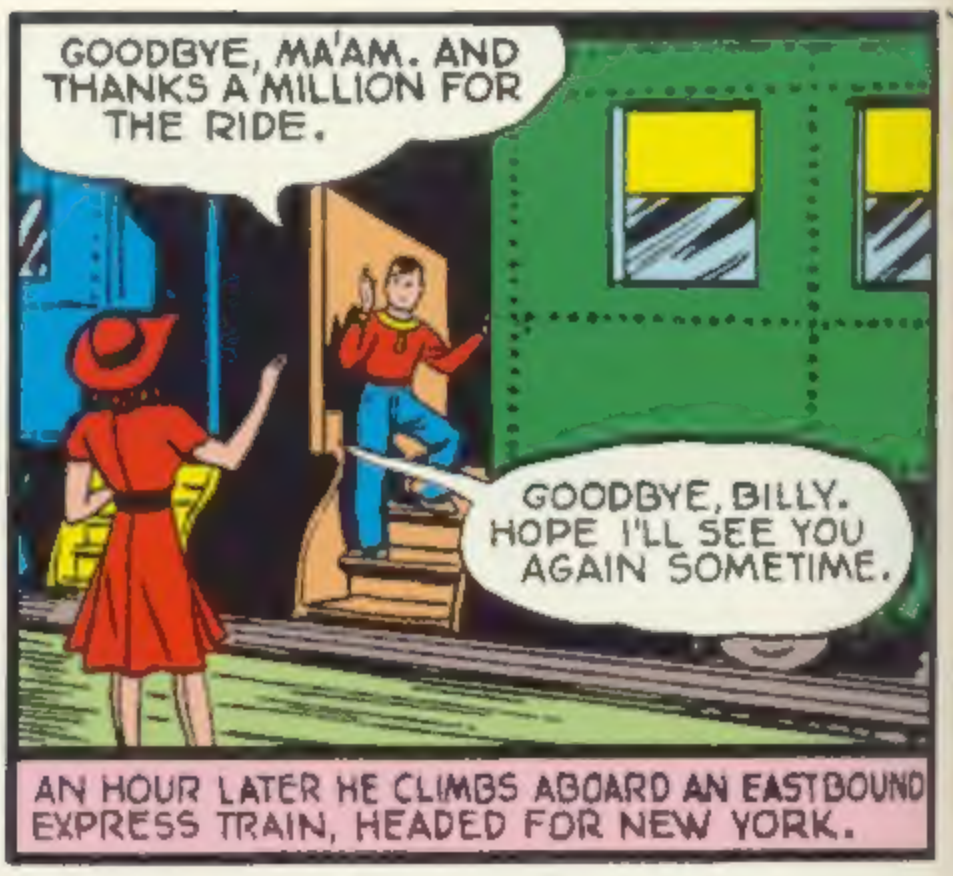

BUT THE GIRL'S FEARS ARE GROUNDLESS FOR CAPT. MARVEL HAS ZOOMED DOWN TO THE RESCUE.

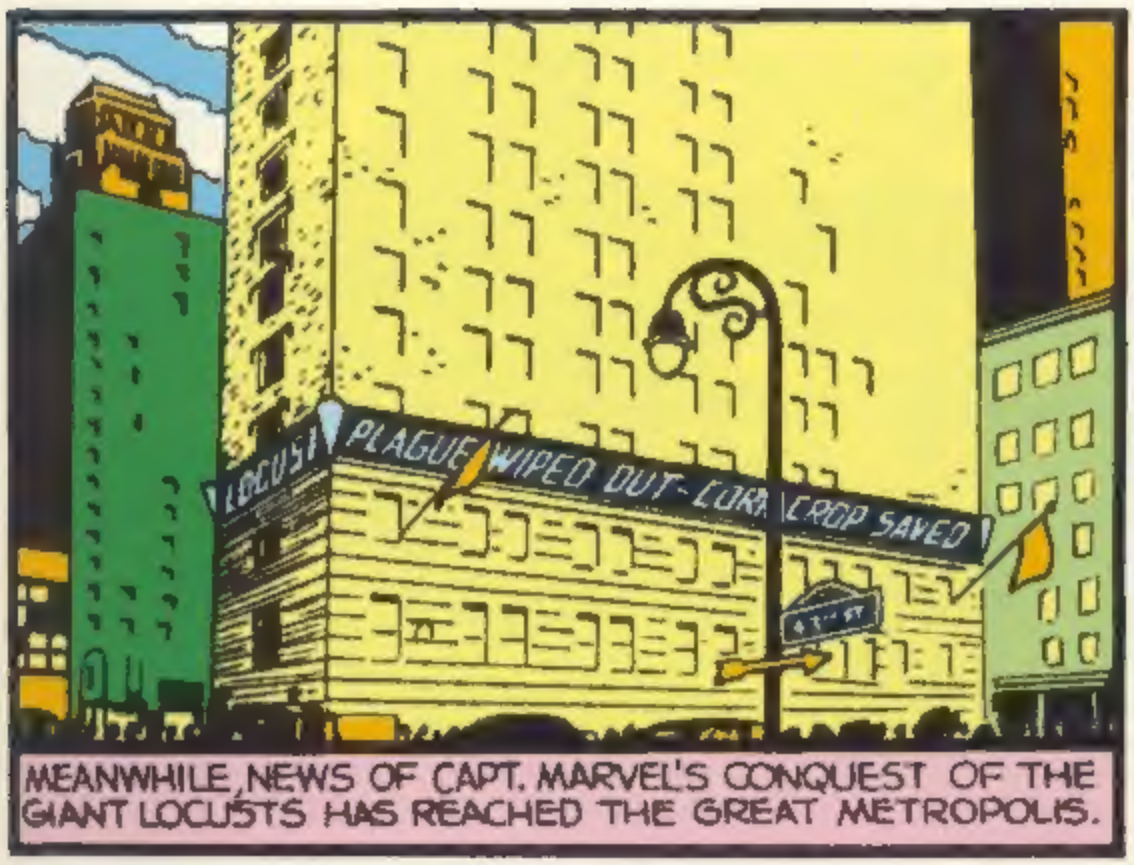

I MUSTN'T LET HER KNOW ABOUT CAPTAIN MARVEL. SO – SHAZAM!
SAFELY DEPOSITING THE CAR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER, MARVEL SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD.

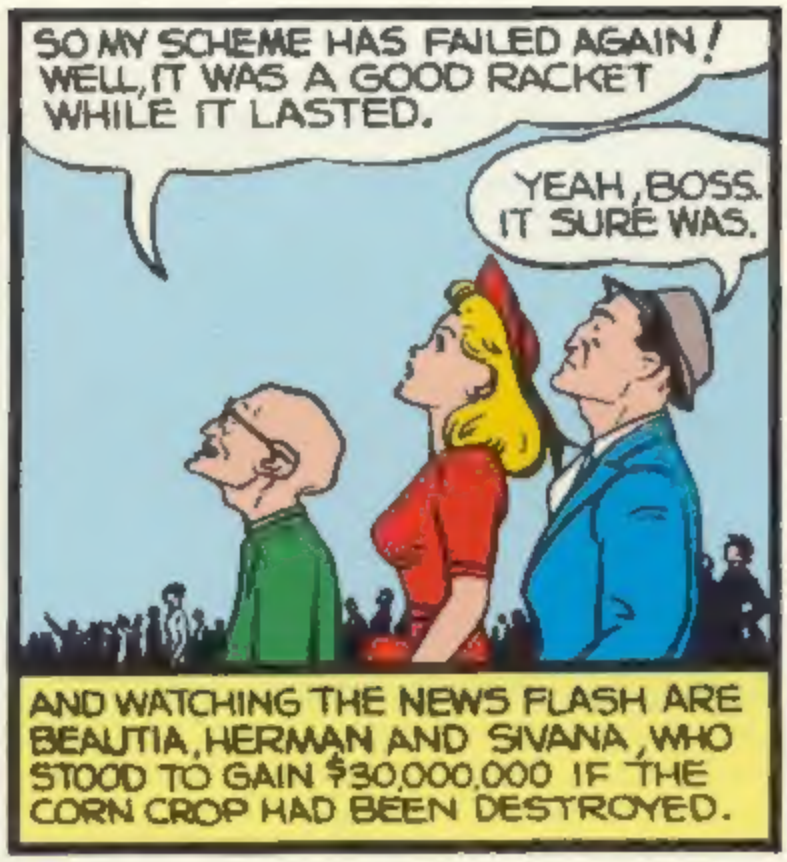

A DEAFENING PEAL OF THUNDER ECHOES THRU THE BLUE NEBRASKA SKY AND –
BAM


–BILLY SUDDENLY APPEARS BEFORE THE STARTLED GIRL LIKE A BOLT FROM THE BLUE.
WHAT WAS THAT EXPLOSION? AND WHO ARE YOU?
I GUESS SOME FARMER FIRED A SHOTGUN, MISS. I'M BILLY BATSON. GIVE ME A LIFT INTO TOWN?

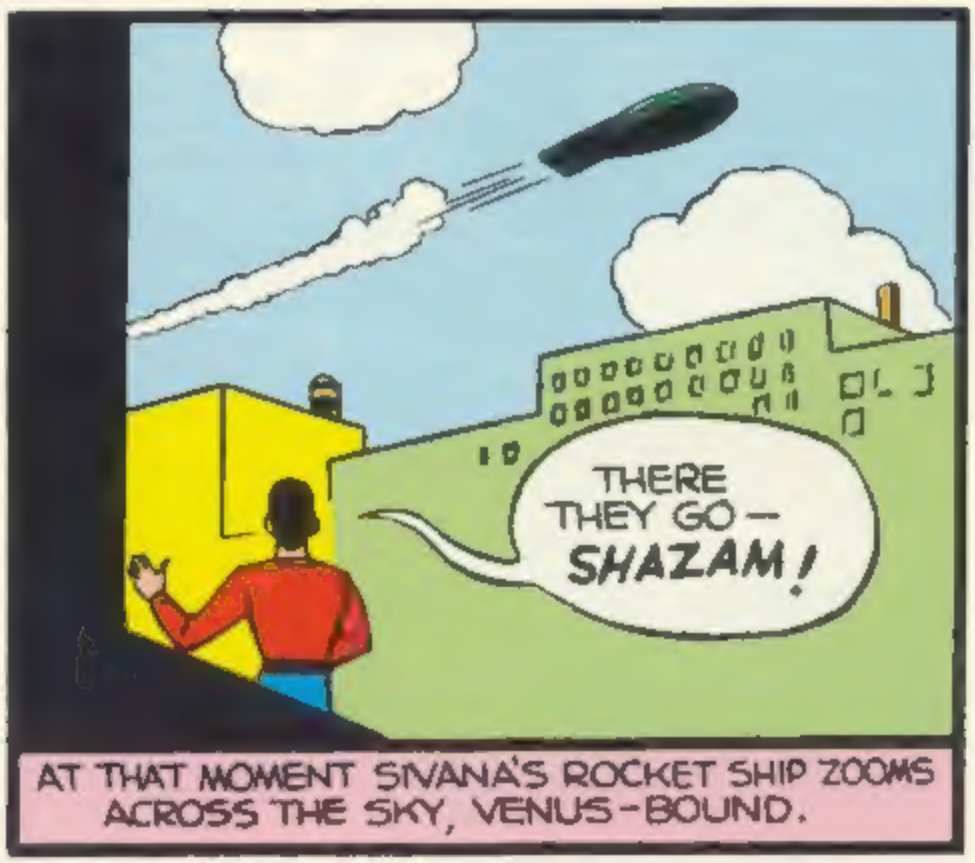

– AND THEN, LIKE A BIRD, THE CAR LEAPED RIGHT ACROSS THE RIVER. IT – IT WAS THE STRANGEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A MARVELOUS EXPERIENCE.
STILL DAZED BY HER NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH, THE GIRL REPEATS HER STORY TO BILLY, NOT REALIZING THAT HE KNOWS MORE ABOUT IT THAN SHE DOES.


GOODBYE, MA'AM. AND THANKS A MILLION FOR THE RIDE.
GOODBYE, BILLY. HOPE I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOMETIME.
AN HOUR LATER HE CLIMBS ABOARD AN EASTBOUND EXPRESS TRAIN, HEADED FOR NEW YORK.

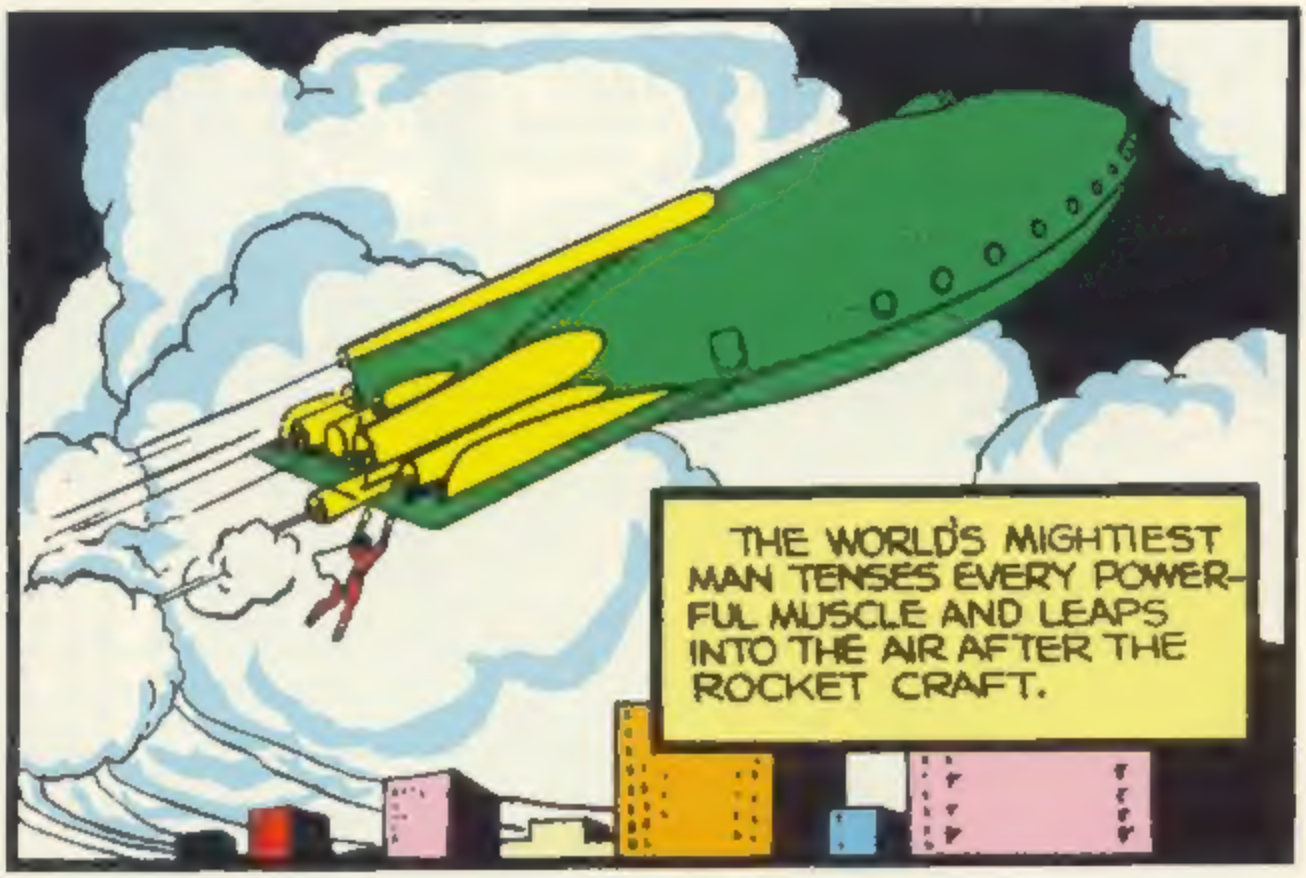

LOCUSTS PLAGUE WIPED OUT-CORN CROP SAVED
MEANWHILE, NEWS OF CAPT. MARVEL'S CONQUEST OF THE GIANT LOCUSTS HAS REACHED THE GREAT METROPOLIS.


SO MY SCHEME HAS FAILED AGAIN! WELL, IT WAS A GOOD RACKET WHILE IT LASTED.
YEAH, BOSS. IT SURE WAS.
AND WATCHING THE NEWS FLASH ARE BEAUTIA, HERMAN AND SIVANA, WHO STOOD TO GAIN $30,000,000 IF THE CORN CROP HAD BEEN DESTROYED.

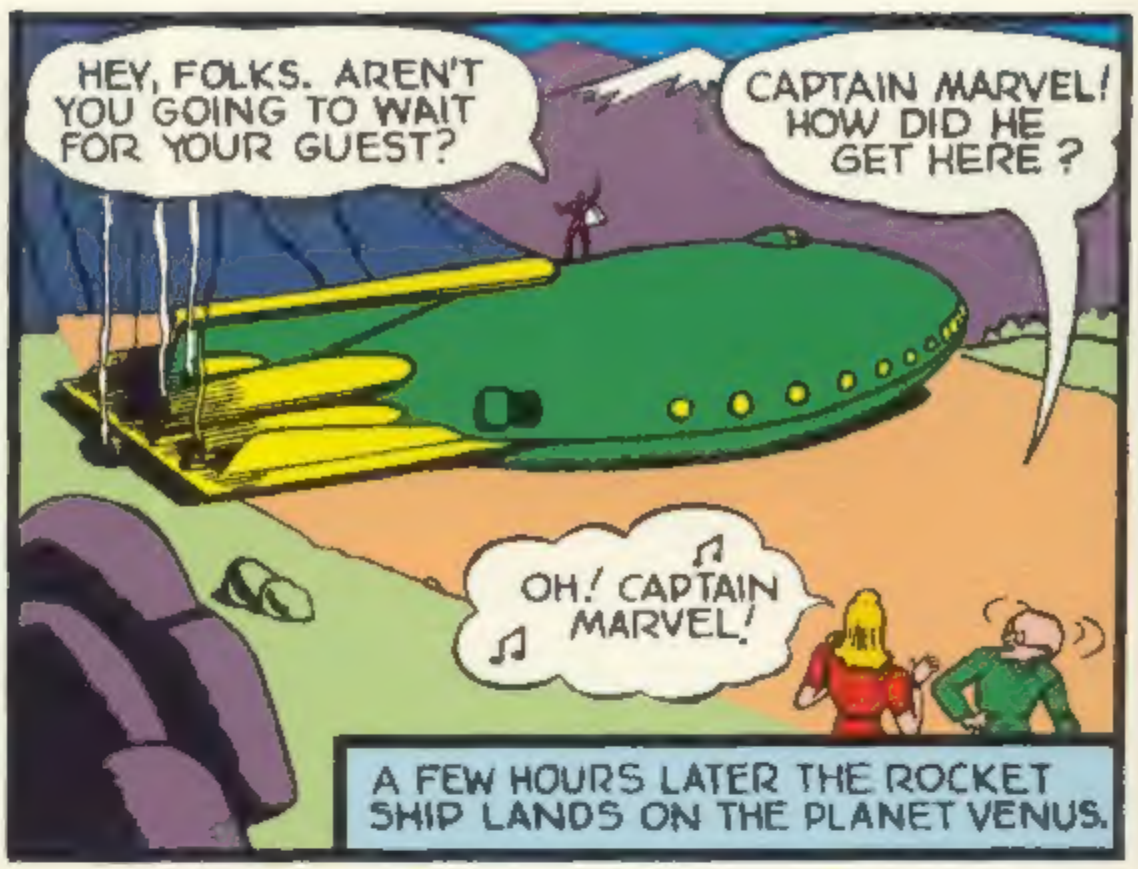
TOO LATE — THEY'VE GONE. I WONDER WHERE?
WORLD REALTY CO.
NEXT DAY WHEN BILLY REACHES THE CITY HE FINDS THE WORLD REALTY COMPANY HAS SUDDENLY GONE OUT OF BUSINESS.


THERE THEY GO — SHAZAM!
AT THAT MOMENT SIVANA'S ROCKET SHIP ZOOMS ACROSS THE SKY, VENUS-BOUND.

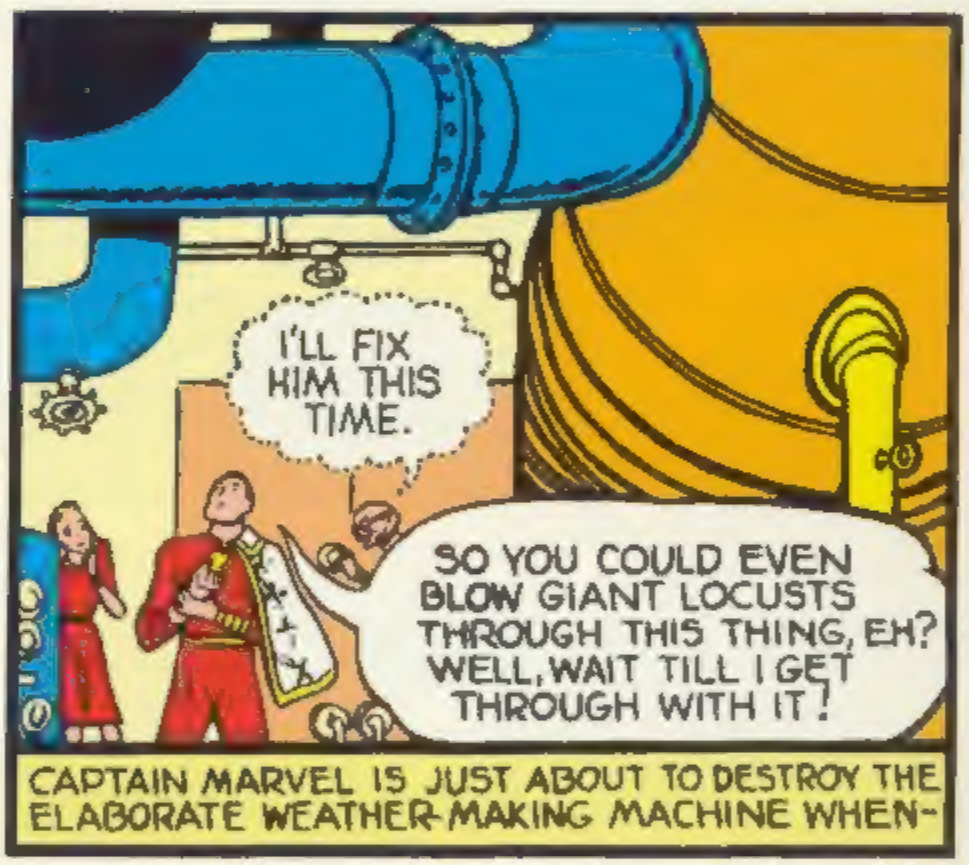
BOOOOOM
AT BILLY'S MAGIC WORD LIGHTNING FLASHES, THUNDER ROARS AND —

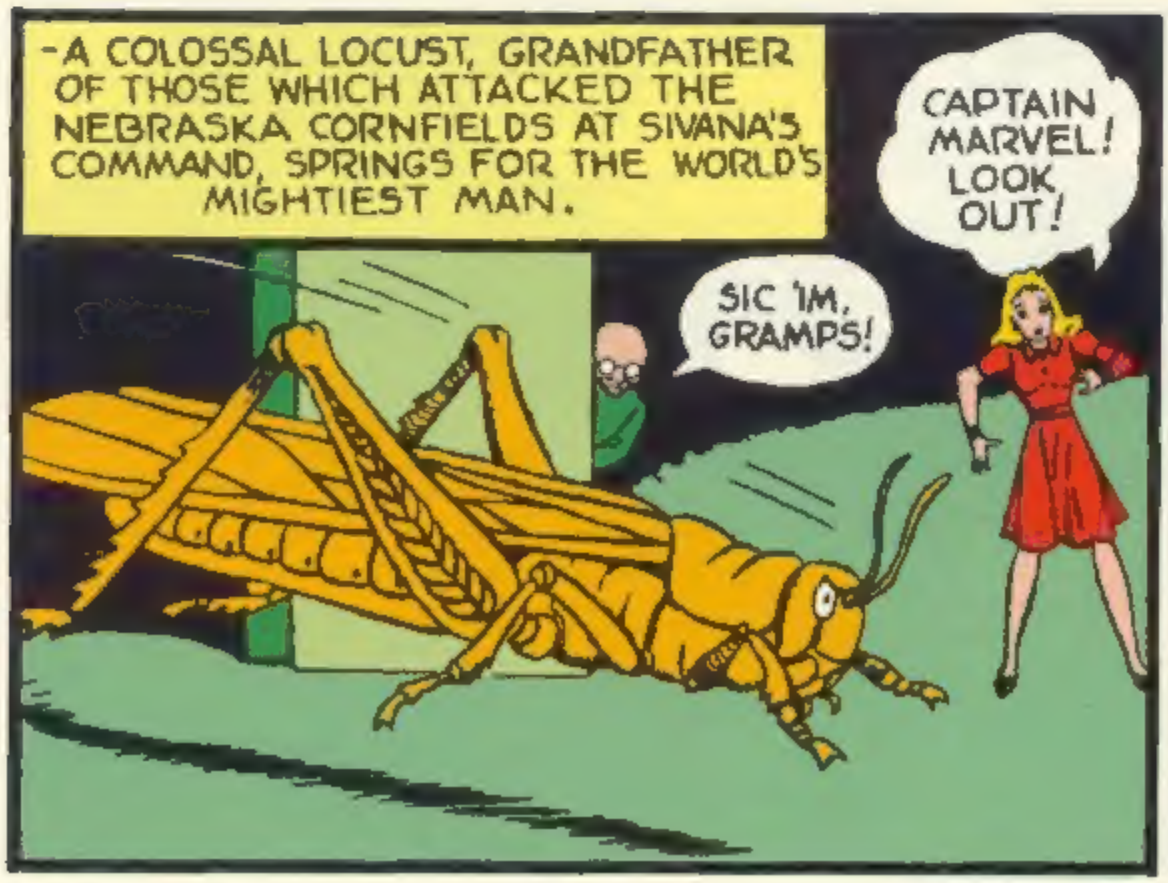

THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN TENSES EVERY POWERFUL MUSCLE AND LEAPS INTO THE AIR AFTER THE ROCKET CRAFT.

NOW ALL I CAN DO IS WAIT TILL WE COME TO THE END OF THE LINE.
THE MIGHTY SHIP THUNDERS THROUGH INTER-PLANETARY SPACE WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL ASTRIDE ITS PONDEROUS HULL.

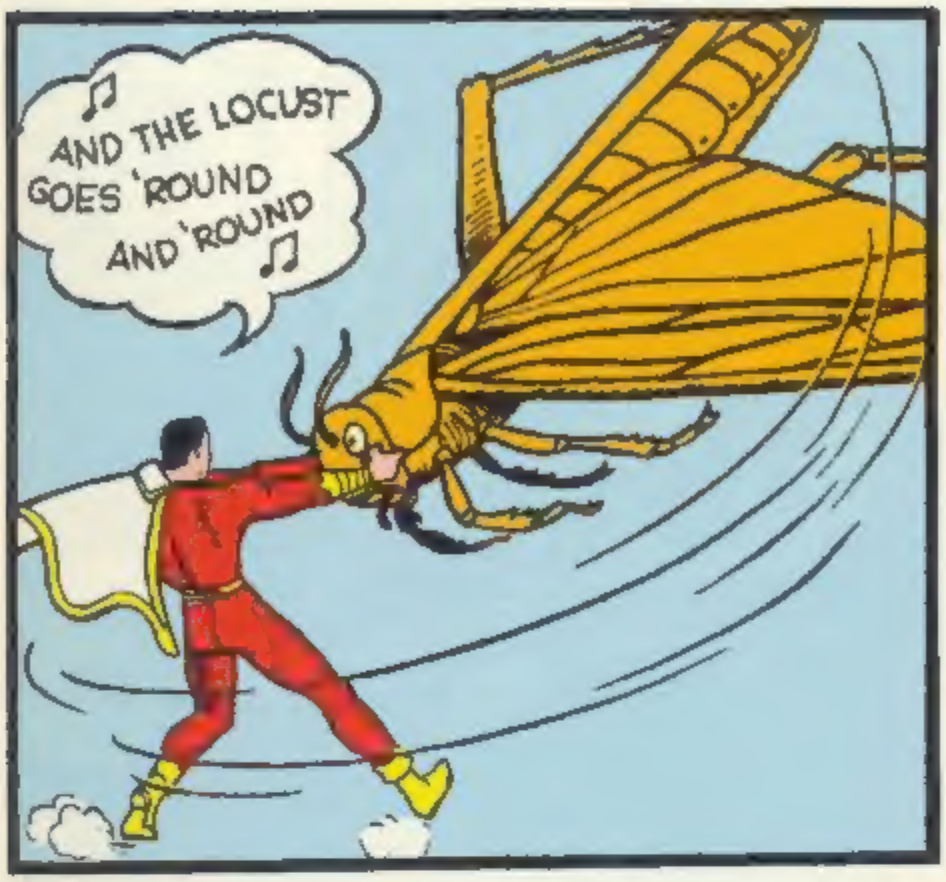

HEY, FOLKS. AREN'T YOU GOING TO WAIT FOR YOUR GUEST?
CAPTAIN MARVEL! HOW DID HE GET HERE?
OH! CAPTAIN MARVEL!
A FEW HOURS LATER THE ROCKET SHIP LANDS ON THE PLANET VENUS.

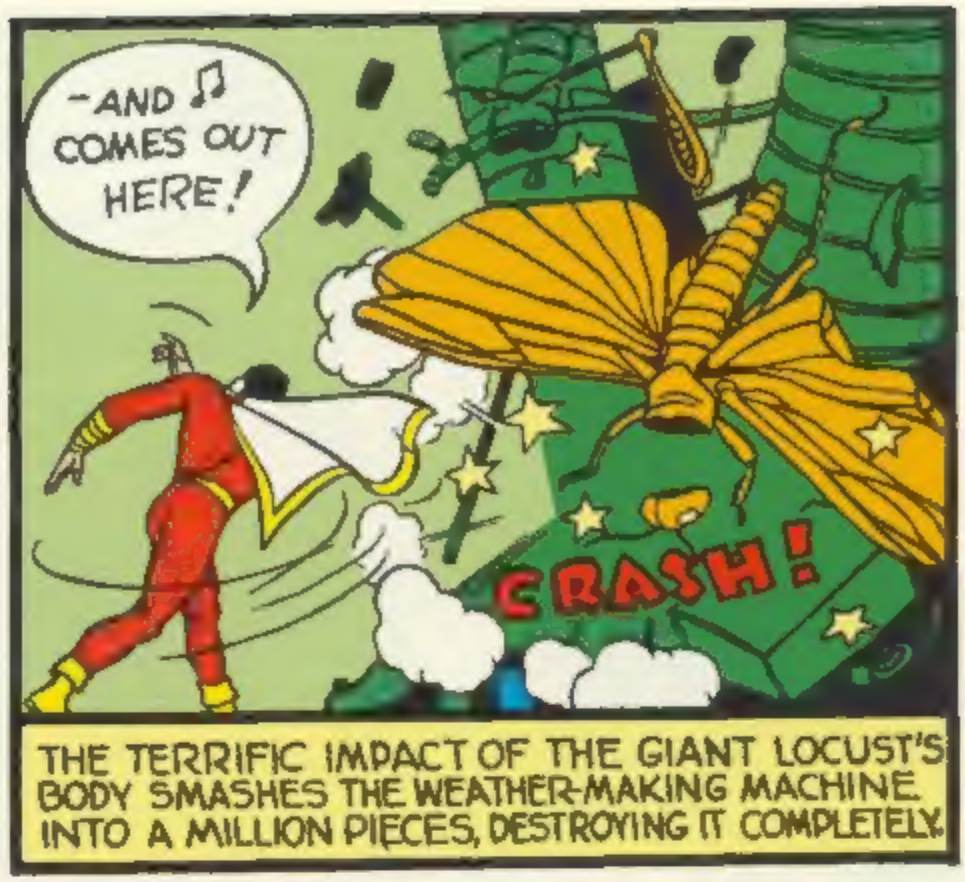
TOO BAD HERMAN ISN'T HERE. WHERE IS HE?
HE-HE-WENT-BACK-TO-BROOKLYN.
WITHOUT FURTHER ADO MARVEL PICKS UP HIS HOST AND HOSTESS AND HEADS FOR THE PALACE.

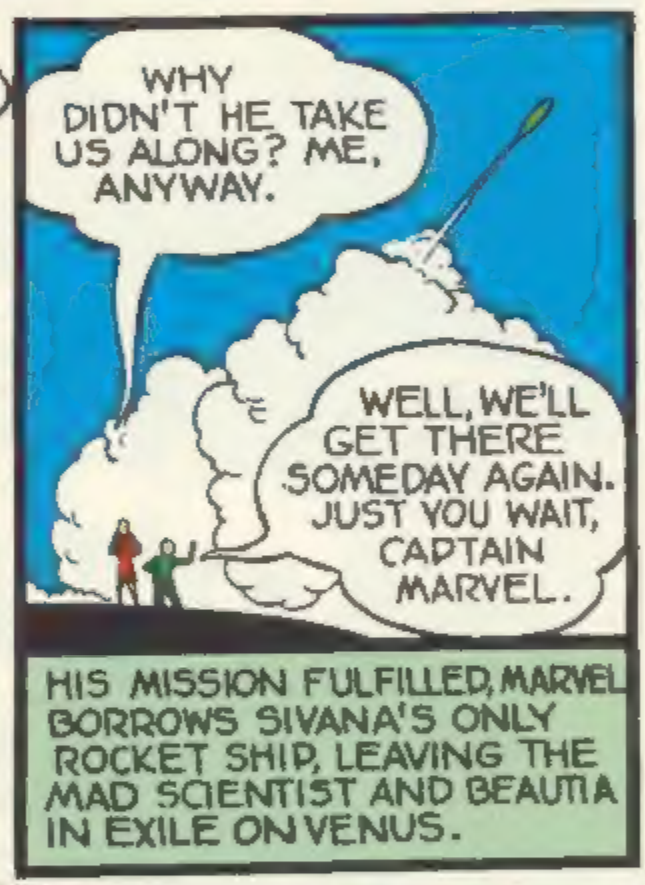

I'LL FIX HIM THIS TIME.
SO YOU COULD EVEN BLOW GIANT LOCUSTS THROUGH THIS THING, EH? WELL, WAIT TILL I GET THROUGH WITH IT!
CAPTAIN MARVEL IS JUST ABOUT TO DESTROY THE ELABORATE WEATHER-MAKING MACHINE WHEN-

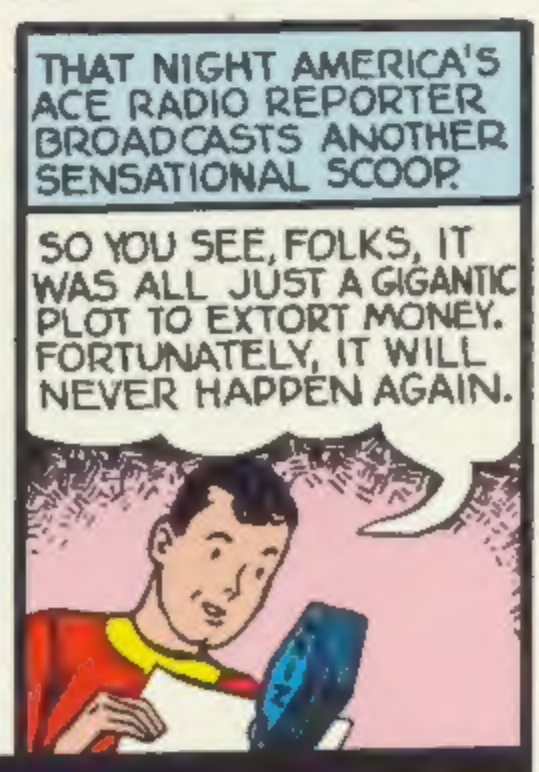

-A COLOSSAL LOCUST, GRANDFATHER OF THOSE WHICH ATTACKED THE NEBRASKA CORNFIELDS AT SIVANA'S COMMAND, SPRINGS FOR THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN.
CAPTAIN MARVEL! LOOK OUT!
SIC 'IM, GRAMPS!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO SEE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN, SPORT?
BOP
CAPTAIN MARVEL WHEELS AROUND JUST IN TIME.









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